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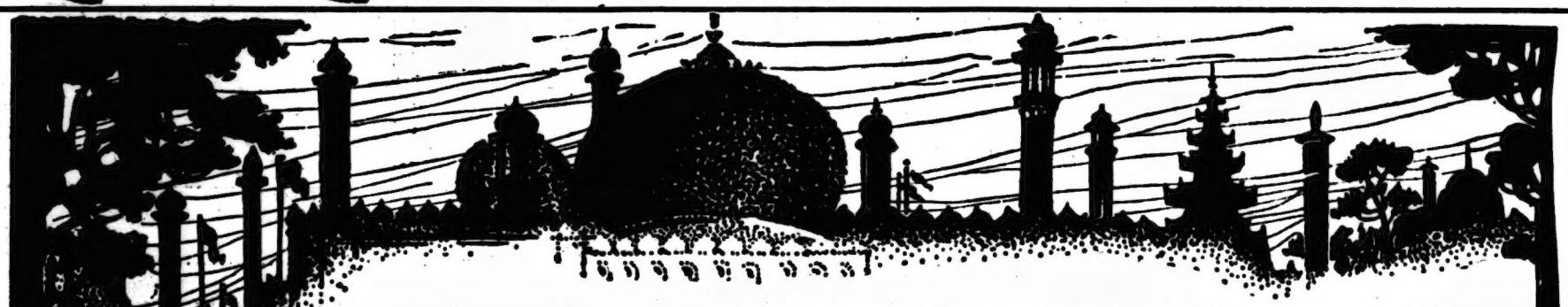

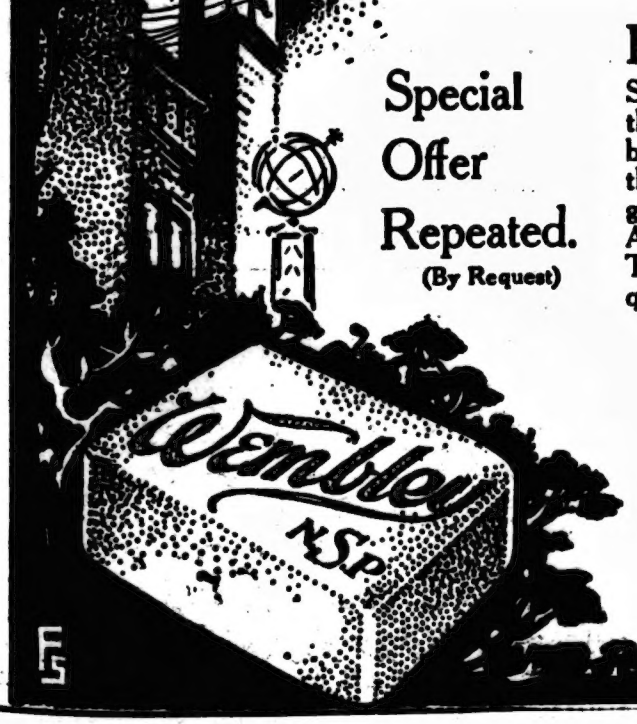


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(By Request)

BELOW will be found a repetition of the message published on the front cover of "JOHN BULL" dated August 30th, 1924. Already gratifying letters about the merits of the Soap have been received by the AUSTRALIAN SOAP CO. A large number are telling their friends about the Special Offer and the wonderful Soap, but they are handicapped because some of them cannot purchase it in their particular district, and they have not kept the front cover of "JOHN BULL" dated August 30th. Another opportunity is therefore given you of taking advantage of this Special Offer.
All those who send for the four tablets will be doing the same as the previous ones have done. They will be recommending their friends to send their 1/- along for four tablets of the best quality and purest perfumed Toilet Soap they have ever come across.

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Wembley TOILET SOAP.

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## CURED QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY

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"This last six years, after trying all the so-called remedies with very little result, I decided to give Urace Tablets a trial. I now feel myself again, I am free from pain, and can walk with ease. My work is a pleasure to me.

"I shall recommend Urace to all I come in touch with.

"Yours truly,
"J. F. SMITH."

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**1/3. 3/- & 5/- per Box.**

From Boots (600 Branches), Timothy White Co., Taylor's, Selfridge's, Whiteley's, Harrod's, and all Chemists and Stores, or direct for remittance from the URACE Laboratories, Dept. 75, 82, St. Thomas's Street, London, E.C. 1.

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**CURE RHEUMATISM,**

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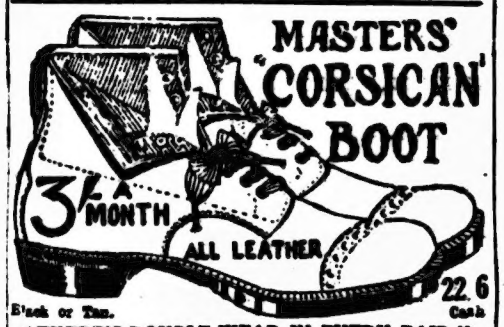


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Fire, Flood, Storms, Sickness, Accident—you run the risk of these every day. Take two minutes of your time now and sign the forms below.

# WHAT JOHN BULL GIVES

### FIRE.

**£400**—against loss by fire to the reader's household furniture or personal effects.

**£1,000**—in case of death of husband and wife directly due to injuries caused by an outbreak of fire at registered reader's home.

**£500**—in case of death of one under similar circumstances.

**£250**—or £125 in respect of each for loss of one limb or eye under similar circumstances.

**£2** PER WEEK maximum rent during reinstatement (not exceeding 26 weeks).

### ACCIDENTS in HOME and GARDEN

*The undermentioned benefits all apply to the husband or wife of the registered reader* —

**£250**—loss of life.

**£250**—loss of two limbs or both eyes, or one limb and one eye.

**£125**—loss of one limb or one eye.

**£3** PER WEEK up to 4 weeks for total disablement providing it involves fracture of a limb or skull.

### HOUSEHOLD BENEFITS.

**£300**—loss caused by storm, tempest or flood to the registered reader's household furniture or personal effects.

**£300**—loss caused by lightning, thunderbolt, or earthquake.

**£100**—loss by explosion of gas or domestic boilers.

**£100**—loss by bursting of hot-water pipes or heating apparatus.

**£300**—loss caused by aeroplanes, airships, or other aerial craft.

**£300**—loss by damage by riots or civil commotion.

**£1,000**—in case of death of husband and wife (permanently residing together) by violence caused by burglars or housebreakers entering for the purpose of robbery.

**£500**—if one is killed under similar circumstances.

**£500**—or £250 in respect of each, for loss of one limb or eye under similar circumstances.

**£10**—Medical Fees for injuries by violence caused by burglars, housebreakers or fire.

**£6** PER WEEK for both or £3 per week for either up to 4 weeks, for disablement caused by burglars, housebreakers or fire.

### SICKNESS BENEFITS.

*The undermentioned benefits all apply to the husband or wife of the registered reader* :—

**£5 5s.**—for total disablement by illness consequent upon Diphtheria, Measles, Smallpox, Typhoid Fever, Typhus Fever, Cerebro-spinal Fever (or "Spotted Fever"), Anthrax, and Tetanus (or Lockjaw). These benefits are only applicable to readers between the ages of 10 and 65 who have been registered for twenty-one days prior to the illness manifesting itself.

### SPORTS.

**£250**—in case of death if the registered reader be killed accidentally while playing—Football, Tennis, Cricket, Hockey, Golf, Lacrosse, as an amateur on a recognised playing ground.

**£3** PER WEEK up to 4 weeks for total disablement providing it involves fracture of a limb or skull.

### BOATING AND BATHING.

**£250**—if the reader be accidentally drowned while as a pastime boating on, or bathing in, the sea at any seaside resort, or in any river or public swimming bath, providing that the reader be not a professional swimmer or boatman, and that, in case of boating, the boat be not a passenger steamer.

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Reader's Name..... Age...
in full (CAPITAL LETTERS.)

Address.....

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Reader's Signature.....

Name and Address of Newsagent.....

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Date.....

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PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY. J.B., 27/9/24.

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To (Name of Newsagent).....

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Please deliver or reserve JOHN BULL for me weekly until further notice.

Signature .....

Address.....

Date .....

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY. J.B., 27/9/24.



**LAST FEW WEEKS.**

To JOHN BULL Pen Dept., Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

Send me the "John Bull" 5/-"Empire" Pen and FREE 2/6 Wembley Souvenir Pencil. If I keep same I will remit P.O. for 5/6 (including postage and pen clip) or return in new condition within three days.

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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If remittance is sent cross P.O./cheque '& Co.' and make payable to "John Bull." State if fine, medium or broad nib. J.B. 27.9.24

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You are the home health doctor. See that every member of your family washes the hands with Lifebuoy before meals—after work or play—after touching soiled objects—after touching others.

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Health is life and happiness.

*Be sure the germs of contagion have been removed*

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The famous Lifebuoy Health Element—as blended in Lifebuoy Health Soap—gives more than its remarkable healing and germicidal effects. It actually adds cleansing power by increasing the penetrating properties of the smooth lather.

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—a germicidal shampoo, which soothes and heals irritated scalps, and tends to dissipate dandruff and prevent loss of hair

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—*and above all, for bathing of hands which touch that delicate, helpless mite—your baby.*

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***Buy a carton to-day***

**Lifebuoy Soap for HEALTH**

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# Bald Men Grow Hair

**Amazing Hair Growth on Bald Heads After Using Kotalko the Genuine Hair-Grower. Not a Medicine. Rub on the Scalp where New Hair is Desired.**

*Mr. P. Tucker, from a photograph.*

## Was Quite Bald

Torrington, N. Devon.

**After trying different Treatments** without result, I was very disappointed, and thought I should be bald all my life, or else **have to wear a wig.**

Then I read about Kotalko, and decided to give it a trial. Please bear in mind that **I was quite bald and my head was as shiny as could be** when I started using your compound.

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Yours very truly,
(Signed) **P. Tucker.**

## Full Growth of Hair

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**When I began using Kotalko I was bald.** At the sides over the ears, and at the back, there was some hair, but on the whole of the crown of my head, from the forehead backwards, **there was no hair at all.**

**I used Kotalko** on the scalp until I noticed signs of a slight down on parts of the head. Then **I knew the roots were not dead after all,** so I went on using Kotalko, and gradually **the down changed into real hair** which kept on growing, until at last the whole of my head was covered with a **full growth of hair in its natural colour** just as it used to be.

**Everyone who knows me** has been surprised at seeing the hair growing again, and several of my friends have already ordered Kotalko, and are **highly satisfied** with it.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) **Thomas Hayes.**

*Mr. Thomas Hayes, from a photograph.*

**A multitude of others, men and women, have used the remarkable compound—Kotalko, with astonishing and delightful benefit in removing scurf, stopping the falling out of hair, and in developing a new growth. This has been done in many cases where the baldness existed for years, and when many other hair tonics, lotions, medicinal treatments, etc., had been unsuccessfully tried.**

## 30,000 TESTING BOXES

**KOTALKO**
**TRUE HAIR GROWER**

**Send or Copy this COUPON**

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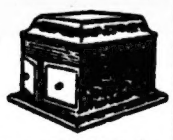

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## "QUACKS."

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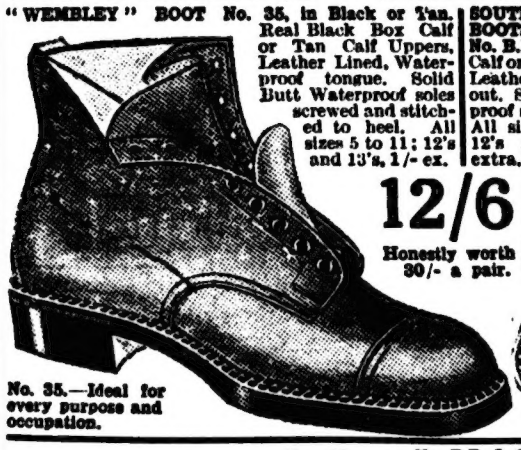

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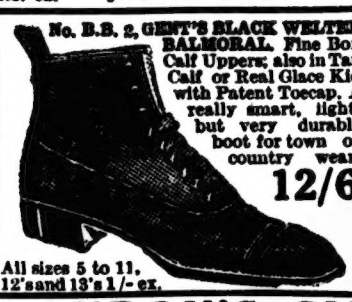

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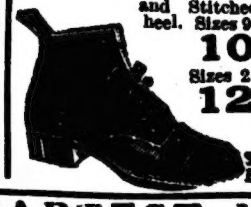

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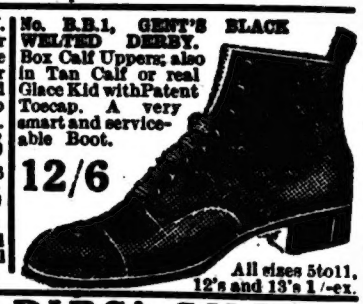

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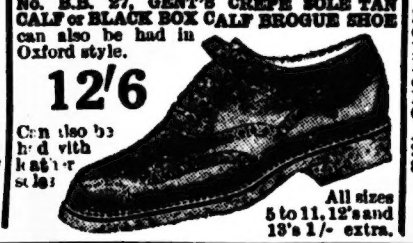

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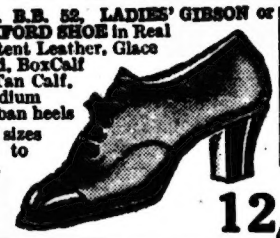

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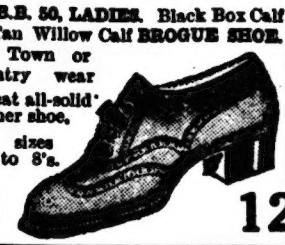

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**The Tired Premier.**

Should Labour be returned to power at the next General Election, we shall see a new Foreign Secretary; and our tip is Mr. Ponsonby.

**Ulster.**

The back-bench mission to Ireland is completely agreed that only a settlement by agreement stands any chance of success. Let Mr. Thomas pause ere he rushes blindly to disaster.

**A Sham Fight.**

Despite the shouting, we prophesy that the Russian Treaty will be ratified by Parliament, with considerable amendment.

**Conflicting Policies.**

Until Mr. Asquith has spoken, Liberal opinion is an uncertain quantity. It is already clear, however, that the Party is hopelessly divided on this issue.

**Parading the Obvious.**

Lloyd George says something will have to be done about electoral reform. It is a standing disgrace that this reform was not the first measure passed after the Election.

**Caveman Ideas.**

"The League of Nations," says a contemporary, "must still acknowledge force as the ultimate sanction." So long as that spirit persists what real hope of peace is there in the world?

**The Only Path to Peace.**

The truth is that until law and *not* force is regarded as the supreme court of appeal, war is inevitable. Only disarmament can make peace equally inevitable.

**Exit the War Mind.**

M. Vandervelde's courageous denunciation of the Versailles Treaty—which he signed—is echoed by all thinking men. As he says, it must be revised, and a peace map elaborated.

**What About Us?**

America is about to press for the repayment of the French loan. We should be delighted to hear that Britain is going to follow her example.

**Wembley Scandal.**

It is needless to say that Mr. W. H. Pease who was defendant in a case at Marlborough Street Police Court on Saturday last, is in no way connected with "John Bull," nor has he any power or authority to influence any articles or comments published in this journal.

**Let Him See to It!**

While Lord Thomson is in Iraq we trust he will give categorical orders that the bombing of natives shall cease. Again we remind him that the war is over.

**Lunacy at Large.**

The world has a League of Nations. It has also eight wars in progress, with more threatened. We have still a long road to travel before civilisation is safe.

**Mr. Wheatley Talks Sense.**

Unless there is 150 per cent. increase in output, he says, his building plans will fail. Didn't we always say that *both* building rings would have to be tackled?

**First Fruits.**

A parlour cottage now costs £90 more than it did a year ago. Unless Mr. Wheatley acts with drastic speed, his housing scheme is wrecked from the start.

**Light in High Places.**

"A full pound of service for each pound of wage or salary," says Mr. William Graham. That, and a ruthless war on profiteers, are two of the urgent needs of the times.

**Poor Public!**

The settlement of the milk dispute has been made—as usual—at the expense of the consumer. This is going to be a dear winter unless Parliament awakens to its duty.

**Public Enemies.**

Flour is soaring and another rise in the price of bread is imminent. The Report of the Committee on Trusts must be disinterred and legislation initiated.

**Not Even 9d.!**

The coal merchants have published a statement to show how the retail price of coal is arrived at—and it shows no profits whatever. Pure philanthropy, of course!

**Petrol Pirates.**

Although petrol has now fallen 4½d. per gallon, no one is going to pass this reduction on to the travelling public in the shape of lower fares. Why should they, when the Government appears to accept profiteers as laws of Nature?

£1,500! YOUR "BULLET" MAY WIN IT!
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**Towards the Crash.**

An increase of 14,000 unemployed last week brings the nominal total to 1,160,000. The real total is nearer 2,000,000. The moment Parliament meets, the problem must be faced.

**Unlock the Land!**

There are still 800,000 men who fought in the war unable to find employment. They're beginning to doubt that poster that showed the countryside and said: "It's worth fighting for!"

**Wrong Way Round.**

On the enquiry into the Covent Garden strike we have only one comment to make. Why did it not take place before the strike, instead of after it?

**Says Bernard Shaw.**

"A famine revolution is being bought off by doles." True—and it is a process that cannot go on for ever. Are our politicians wilfully blind—or only blind?

**Seventy Years the Same!**

In 1854 Charles Dickens described our industrial system as a "muddle." This is 1924—and it is still a muddle! When will workmen and employers get together and formulate co-operative plans?

**Make it Law!**

Lieut.-Col. Pownall's Bill to prohibit moneylenders advertising and circularising is a measure we have persistently advocated for years. Good luck to it!

**How Much?**

Amid all the talk of "Wembley next year," no one seems to think of asking what the Government guarantee is to cost the taxpayer. Will someone please enquire.

**Good for Him.**

By refusing to be blackmailed into presenting a football cup in his division, Lord Hartington has set politicians a good example. The theory that an M.P. must pay for his votes belongs to the days of the pocket boroughs.

**Action at Last.**

Stung by our repeated exposures, a new campaign against illicit night clubs is being planned by the police. Time, indeed, that this scandal was suppressed.

**No Vandalism!**

Lulworth Cove is again in danger from the predatory hands of the War Office. Mr. Walsh must really convince his officials that the country is in earnest on the matter.

**The Alarming Truth.**

Last year no fewer than 159,000 men emigrated from England—46,000 more than the year before. And most of them were the pick of our skilled workers!

**The Week's Best Joke.**

Mr. Newbold, ex-M.P. and ex-Communist, has resigned his position as prospective Labour candidate for Motherwell because the Communist Party decided to fight him. Weep, comrades! The revolution is dead!

**Fuel Facts.**

Another penny has come off petrol for London and "certain districts adjacent," so that in the Metropolis the price is 4½d. less than what it was a few weeks back. Earlier in the year the petrol kings talked of the "law of supply and demand," when they shoved up prices. In winter, it appears, it costs them less to sell less petrol!

**For the Children's Sake.**

A new Factories Bill is in the Government programme for the Autumn Session. It is not too late to include among its provisions a clause assuring to working mothers a compulsory rest before and after childbirth. The six women M.P.s should unite to force this humane demand upon the attention of the House of Commons.

**Blood on the Roads.**

According to Scotland Yard the past quarter has a guilty record—more street accidents than in any previous quarter in London. These accidents numbered 22,922 in which 209 deaths were involved. Human life is far too precious to be slaughtered in this fashion, and therefore the Ministry of Transport must employ the best brains in the country to discover how to make the streets safe for democracy.

**The Ban on Babies.**

A young married couple, paying 27s. 6d. a week for three rooms at Willesden, were notified, according to a police court report, that their landlady had decided, in consequence of the arrival of a baby, to increase the rent by 2s. 6d. a week, and that if they did not pay the extra charge their furniture would be put into the street at short notice. We should like to know the name of that landlady, so that we might tell her what we think of her.

**Robbing the Dead.**

A horrible crime it is to rob the dead. Yet this was done by Ince thieves, who rifled the pockets of a drowned man as the body lay on the embankment of the Liverpool canal. They took his money and his watch and chain, and those who shared the plunder were Robert Enion, Victoria Street; John William Hampson, Tipping Street; William Worthington, Baker Street; and William Robert Prior, Wignall Street—who cannot complain if they are haunted by the plundered dead.

**A Bitter Scandal.**

On a recent Saturday morning a family of eleven persons, including five children, one not yet two years old, were evicted from their cottage home, by order of the Ongar Bench. All Saturday night they were exposed to drenching rain, and on Sunday morning the women were found trying to dry their sodden bedclothes over the nearest hedge. That respectable, rent-paying citizens should be treated in this way is a scandal that shouts to heaven.

**Municipal Meanness.**

To cover a district of eighty-three miles, supervise the roadmen, prepare plans and returns, and keep various accounts, are the duties required of the Llandovery Rural District Council surveyor in the Caio district. For all this he is to be paid £1 a week. Even the roadmen he supervises receive 38s. a week. Yet there were seven members of the Council who considered that the salary paid to his predecessor who had occupied the post for forty years, was sufficient. All he got was 15s. a week!

**Magisterial Wit.**

When a defendant named Churchyard appeared at Wood Green Police Court to a summons by the Edmonton Guardians, who asked for orders against him to maintain four children in their care, the magistrate so far forgot himself as to tell the mother she ought not to bring children into the world for other people to keep, and said to the defendant, "A man like you ought to be in the churchyard." Whatever the merits of the case, cheap wit of this sort is very much out of place on the lips of a public servant.

**Our Priceless Post Office.**

A telegram handed in at Featherstone, Lincolnshire, at 6.53 p.m. was received at Scunthorpe at 7.5 p.m. As the bungalow to which it was addressed is about two miles from the post office, it was not delivered until 9.30 a.m. the next day, when it was brought round by the postman with the morning delivery of letters, after the occupants of the house had spent a sleepless night of grievous anxiety. Oh, for a business post office!

**Drunken Charabanc Drivers.**

Magistrates must stiffen the sentences imposed on drunken charabanc drivers. When John H. Carrier was charged at Nottingham it was stated that he was so intoxicated that he fell down when trying to turn the starting handle. He had already crashed into a small car, completely wrecking it, and collided with a 'bus, smashing three panels. A month's imprisonment for such outrageous behaviour is ridiculous.

**Manufacturing Lunatics.**

A marked increase in the number of lunatics chargeable to the Monmouthshire Guardians is said by Dr. S. Bargrave Wyborn, Chairman of the Asylums Visiting Committee, to be "due to nothing more or less than intermarriage between close relatives in the Forest of Dean and North Herefordshire parts of the union." If this is a scientific truth it points to a terrible social peril. The Ministry of Health should order an investigation on the spot.

*The Human Machine.*

# THE CROSS ROADS

*by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.*

*IF you will look back at what I had to say some weeks ago about Memory, you will find that I was continually urging you to think.*

*To think, to concentrate, to make an effort of attention, to hold fast to an idea or pursue a train of thought without allowing the mind to be diverted—here you have the secret of memory.*

*Here also you have the secret of the Will.*

*How often does the man of weak will, of indecisive mind, say when confronted with the results of his weakness: "I didn't think."*

*What a miserable excuse it is! If you "didn't think," the only adequate retort is "why didn't you think? Why? Why? Why?"*

*What else raises you above the animal except the power to think? What else distinguishes you from the rest of creation except the possesssion of a brain that can think and reason and decide?*

*If you don't think, you are intellectually lazy, and I have yet to hear any valid excuse for mental sloth.*

*It is your duty to think: and it is your duty to think rightly.*

*That we "needs must know the Highest when we see it" may not be strictly true, but unless we are completely lost in mental and moral apathy, the Highest cannot fail to stir a responsive note in us.*

*An "Act of will" involves a choice: it means, very often, the suppression of desire; it demands a careful sifting of values; it calls for a forgetfulness of self and a consideration of larger issues.*

*No one can live unto himself alone. Every act affects someone else. To see consequences clearly is an enormous help to right decisions.*

*If you can vision the end, the way will be made plain.*

**Bad Air.**

Because factories and railways shelve the smoke problem we pay a terrible price in death and disease. All power then to the L.C.C. which is suggesting penalties for serious emissions of smoke. The powers of darkness are strongly entrenched, but we mean to fight them for pure air, which is pure food.

**Food Poisoning.**

Hundreds of London residents, including the Roman Catholic Bishop of Southwark, have lately been attacked by ptomaine poisoning. Without a doubt the principal cause for this distressing and dangerous malady is the unscrupulous adulteration of common articles of food. Our pure food campaign has come not a moment too soon.

**Stabbed in the Dark.**

We are sorry for John Herbert Campbell, a music-hall artist, and the victim of an anonymous letter-writer. After an unhappy marriage he left his wife nearly twenty years ago. She "married" again, and so did he, and both couples were living happily until an anonymous letter sent to the police caused Campbell to be arrested. At the Old Bailey he was released, and is now out of reach of anonymous spite. What a mind the writer of that letter has!

**What Two Minutes Can Do!**

There is always tragedy in the phrase "What might have been." If only we had done this, or that, or the other thing! "I broke my wrist last month," writes one of our readers, "and it will be ten weeks before I can return to work again. If only I had registered as a reader under your Free Insurance Benefit I wouldn't have needed to worry!" If only! Two minutes time well spent would have saved him endless anxiety. Are *you* registered?

**The Sport.**

When a motor hog, driving at excessive speed, throws another car into a ditch, refuses to stop, and someone in his car stands up and laughs, punishment should be stern and just. Yet William Lambert, of Charlotte Street, York, escaped with a pocket injury, though the chairman of the North Riding bench described it as a shocking case. Apparently a hog can have quite a lot of sport for a few sovereigns in the county of broad acres.

**Houses of Healing.**

A poor chap at Ashton-under-Lyne, lost hope and attempted suicide. When conveyed to the District Infirmary he was in a state of collapse. According to Mrs. Price, a guardian, the staff not only refused him admission, but would not even apply a piece of lint to his wound to stop the bleeding, because of an outrageous red tape rule, which is not uniformly applied to rich and poor alike. What answer have the board of management to this charge of gross inhumanity?

**In the Land of the Free.**

The law of the land is surely brought into contempt by such cases as that recently heard at Brighton, when fines were inflicted on the partners of a restaurant for selling pork pies after hours. The customer who was served had begged for them, pleading that he was very hungry, and the chairman of the bench, Sir John Blaker, Bart., remarked that if he had only bitten a piece out of the pies before taking them away there would have been no offence. We can no longer call Britain the land of the free!

**Making Her British.**

To enable an alien woman to stop in this country, and to earn £5, Harold Vere Witty, a married waiter, allowed himself to be thrust into "marrying" a woman he had not seen before. After the ceremony at Hackney they went to a house where a man was lying on a bed with a revolver, so Witty picked his money up and left his "bride." In consequence, the British taxpayers have to support Witty in the second division for four months. These "five-minute" marriages are a scandal that should be stopped.

**Temptation in the Envelope.**

Until a stop is put to the iniquitous business of broadcasting money-lender's circulars in unsealed envelopes the Shylocks will carry on their profitable game. And provincial coroners will be kept busy holding inquests on victims who escape from the clutches of the sharks by tragic methods. This scandal should be dealt with by the Government at once.

**Jail the Bloodsuckers !**

A Walsall woman told the local magistrates that though she had been paying a money-lender 12s. 6d. a week for five years—over £160 in all—on a loan of £3 16s., through fines and other monkey tricks she still owed the original amount. It is not enough for the Courts to protect people like that from making further payments. They should be given the necessary power to jail the bloodsuckers, as ordinary thieves, swindlers, and blackmailers are jailed.

**Britain's Ellis Island.**

Cross-Channel passengers have ample cause for complaint at the methods adopted by the Customs officials. No fewer than fifty officials pestered fifty passengers on the Flushing steamer. The dragooning of passengers by bullying officials is not by any means unusual, while the circumstances in which delayed aliens find themselves are Ellis Island in miniature. This state of affairs must not be allowed to continue ; the Board of Trade must deal with the matter immediately.

**At Last !**

Over a year ago we devoted a page to the scandal of forged Treasury notes, and told the public and the police the details of an international gang, run by a man from a luxurious residence in Vienna, which had agents all over the world. Several arrests have been made abroad and many rascals have been sent to jail. If the police follow up carefully the clues they have obtained through the recent arrests in London they may find that Vienna is not so far away after all.

**Unlevel Laws.**

It is about time that the Betting Laws were amended so that equal justice is dispensed. Mr. C. R. Williamson, the senior magistrate at Salford, had to deal with some offenders caught as the result of a raid on street betters, and he rightly expressed himself as being dissatisfied with the present law. The worst aspect is the fact that working men are arrested for betting while the members of clubs can do it even to the extent of having tape-machines in the smoking-room. The law needs levelling up.

**"Duds" and Dudman.**

George Dudman, of Rupert Street, Reading, and his partner, one W. G. Rand, sought "dud" men with a board marked with the names of racehorses. and fitted with a spinning arrow. The public were asked to stake their money on the arrow stopping at the name they fancied. Whenever Rand staked money he won. Everybody else who had a "flutter" lost, for the simple reason that Dudman could stop the arrow where he liked by pressing a button. As the Wokingham Bench ordered the board to be destroyed, in addition to fining Dudman £2 and Rand £1, they will have to find other ways of "dud" catching.

**Two a Penny.**

An interesting advertisement appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* last week. "Lady desires finance £600 in developing lucrative business. Services optional. No risk." The address to which would-be investors are to write is 245, Kingland Road, E.2, where the office of Mr. Frank Davies is situated. Mr. Davies is a certified accountant, and the gentleman who recently registered a company with the alarming and staggering capital of a halfpenny, divided into two shares of a farthing each. The "no risk" offer may be a splendid one, but we repeat that a half-penny company ought not to be permitted to register at Somerset House.

*Problems of Life.*

## CHANGING PLACES

*by the Rev. R. J. Campbell, D.D.*

*Dr. Campbell*

*A CONTEMPORARY writer, recounting his experience of life, says : "I am inclined to think that, taking trial as an average, the amount which enters into one life differs little from that which enters into another."*

*That wise old monk, Thomas à Kempis, thus wrote nearly five hundred years ago : "Many weak and unstable persons say, Behold ! what a happy life doth that man lead, how wealthy, how great is he, how powerful and exalted ! . . . . yet these goods are never possessed without anxiety and fear."*

*How far are these two observers right ? Their acquaintance with human nature is much the same though one lived many generations before the other.*

*MY dentist agrees with both of them. He says he used to envy people who apparently had not a care in the world, till he found out that the most seemingly fortunate were no happier than others. He also says that he believes every human being has much the same amount of trouble to endure as every other, and for that reason he does not wish to change places with anyone.*

*I both agree and disagree with him.*

*My acquaintance with life and sympathetic study of my fellow men convinces me that some people do suffer more than others, but that, generally speaking, native disposition has more to do with the difference than either environment or possessions.*

*Mark Tapley would be happy where Scrooge or Mrs. Gummidge would be miserable.*

*But this is not the whole of the truth about the matter, and I am not content to leave it so.*

*One cannot help seeing that some people are unhappy because they are wrongly placed in life and need to change to more congenial surroundings and companionships.*

*WHEN that change is successfully effected one frequently sees an unpromising and even unattractive nature blossom out into something better as well as gladder, developing previously unsuspected powers.*

*Most people can do better where they are appreciated and believed in than where they are ignored or despised.*

*Nor is it any use saying that people can be as happy when they are materially insecure as when their position in life is assured. The psalmist's prayer "Give me neither poverty nor riches" was a good one.*

*But our chief resources are within ourselves, both for the betterment of disposition and the modification of circumstances. "It is written that he who seeks shall most assuredly find : therefore, seek wisely and with boldness."*

**Nothing Doing !**

A gentleman named Sloan is telling people that he has a client who is compelled to sell part of his holding of South African nitrate and potash shares. Sloan is of the opinion that this is a good investment and is hawking £1 shares for 15s. Our readers should look before they leap.

**Diddling the Workless.**

A Portsmouth reader, long unemployed, who saw "genuine homework" advertised in a local paper applied for particulars and received a letter from "A. W. Saunders and Company," 31, Prince Street, Bristol, stating that the work was of a purely clerical nature, and that instructions would be sent on receipt of 2s. 6d. He sent a P.O. for that sum, but though a month has passed he is still without an acknowledgment of this money, let alone homework. And the advertisement is again appearing !

**Politeness.**

Improvement might be effected in the methods and manners of the Southsea Furnishing Company, Elm Grove, Southsea. A reader who had been living in furnished apartments for six years was overjoyed at securing the tenancy of two empty rooms, and went to this firm to furnish on the hire-purchase system. He paid a deposit and signed an agreement, and they promised delivery in a few days' time. When he went to enquire why the goods had not arrived he was told that the order had been vetoed by the directors, who had not even the courtesy to write.

**A Soap Ramp.**

Market stall-holders and small shop keepers should exercise caution in dealing with an individual named A. Gorst, who trades as "The Household Remedies Co.," Reading He has an objectionable way of soliciting orders for fancy soap at 4s. a dozen tablets, and after long delay declaring that he is out of stock of that particular line. As a substitute he sends common household soap worth 2d. a tablet which has been repacked and labelled "Zanoline Non-pariel Soap, 1s. a tablet. A stall-holder who attempted to foist such stuff on the public for a shilling would risk starting a riot in the market-place.

**A Dear Shillingsworth.**

Robert Kenworthy, Jun., of 6, Prince's Terrace, Darlington, seems to have discovered a cheap way of collecting silver coins. He advertises thus : "Ladies ! Permanent Wavy Hair by Kenswave Preparation. Send 1s." Those who are foolish enough to part with their money receive a packet containing about one pennyworth of bicarbonate of soda and one pennyworth of gum acacia powder. Ninepence in the shilling profit is a bit steep.

**Don't be Deceived.**

We are asked what we think of the advertisements appearing in provincial papers of the proposed visits to several localities of an individual named Davidson, who describes himself as "the famous London eyesight specialist." As the "famous" man gives no indication of any qualifications for dealing with such delicate organs as the eyes, we are of opinion that he would be better described as a seller of spectacles and nothing more.

**Seaside Mystery.**

We are curious to know what lies behind an advertisement recently published asking for a young lady of good address for seafaring life, applicants to send full particulars and photo. A Kew reader who applied received a strange letter from Stuart and Boorn, 34, Brunswick Road, Hove, who, without stating the nature of their business coolly invited her to travel to Brighton at her own expense for an interview any evening. This she discreetly declined to do, and they then wrote again regretting their inability to return her photograph. What is the game ?

**Darby and Joan's Tea.**

F. Chipperfield is the name of a man who runs a concern called "The Barry Tea Supply" at Market Chambers, Peterborough. He boldly advertises that by procuring a half-pound of this tea for eight consecutive weeks customers become eligible for a cash bonus of £1. There are two dear old people of eighty-seven and seventy-seven years of age in King's Lynn, who took Chipperfield at his word, and having nothing to live on but their Old Age Pensions, they are greatly distressed to find the bonus is not forthcoming. If he is not a downright cad he will pay them at once.

# Caine, the Crafty

***A philanthropist who thinks of himself first.***

VICTIMS of the money-lenders groan all over the land. Parliament in its wisdom recognises their grievances, their dangers, and their sufferings, and then goes on to consider something else—the Russian loan, or something more exciting.

In the interval the money-lenders continue raking in the shekels, making hay while the sun shines.

There is a person who calls himself T. Caine, of Cromwell House, Surrey Street, London, W.C., whose activities were denounced in these columns some time ago. He is a self-styled philanthropist. If you read his literature you would take him for one of the best of men. "Avoid paying heavy interest" is his slogan.

If you listened to him you might suppose he would lend you money at, say, about 10 per cent. You would be wrong. The philanthropic Mr. Caine prefers, if he thinks he can get it, the more refreshing rate of 100 per cent. Sometimes the case goes into court and the interest is cut down severely. Mr. Caine smiles a pained smile and goes on purring and preaching.

### *A smile that came off.*

However, he had an experience last week that ought to take the smile off his greedy countenance. He was fined at Bow Street—although the case seems to have been passed over by the general Press—£3 and £1 costs on two charges.

The first charge was that he had not kept his registration under the Business Names Act up to date. The second charge was that of neglecting to show his proper name on his business paper.

Mr. T. Caine's reluctance may be due to the fact that he is a naturalised Russian, formerly a tailor, and his real name is Tobias Cohen.

He is a registered money-lender, who describes himself variously as a Bill Discounter and a Mortgage Broker. He ought to be invited to explain why he ignores the law which says that a money-lender must describe himself as a money-lender.

### *Contracts illegal?*

His clients may be interested to know that contracts made by him, while not correctly registered under the Business Names Act, will be very difficult for him to enforce. He will be interested to know that it is now possible to apply to have his naturalisation certificate cancelled.

In any case, while the law does something to check the Shylocks, it should be used to the full. We don't want to encourage these sharks.

His advertisements appear daily with the assertion that his terms will compare more than favourably with any other office in the country.

So long as he wishes to keep an office in this country he must obey the laws of this country, if he does not choose to do so it is at his own risk.

# Will-o'-the-Wisp Wheeler

***BELOW we tell the story of a rascal who has followed a career of crime for many years. In view of our specific charges there is no reason why the Public Prosecutor should delay longer in taking action.***

THE office of the Public Prosecutor is, or ought to be, our first line of defence against rogues and roguery.

It is not an effective defence, through no fault of the Public Prosecutor himself, but because his powers are restricted by the question of expenses. The result is that, for the most part, he only takes up such cases where the chances of a conviction are predominant.

This means that the rogue who is also a fool is likely to be prosecuted, while the rogue who is clever enjoys comparative immunity.

With due allowance for these considerations we ask why the Public Prosecutor has not taken steps to lay by the heels a notorious rogue, Henry Francis Wheeler, who describes himself as an engineer, and who has certainly engineered some pretty good coups for himself. In his spare time he is a patent medicine man.

*Henry Francis Wheeler whose activities, revealed here, should be stopped by the police.*

He has been living by naked and shameless frauds for many years. In February of last year when he was in business in Manchester, he obtained £500 from a gentleman named Mason to be invested in a concern called Wheeler's Electric Shade Carrier, Ltd.

Mr. Mason never got his shares, and when he applied to the company for them he was told that no application on his behalf had been made by Mr. Wheeler, nor had any money for shares been paid into the company's funds by that gentleman.

We respectfully suggest to the Public Prosecutor that this is a clear case of obtaining money by fraud. Wheeler promised in writing to return the money, but he has not done so, giving various excuses about illness and other difficulties. He has made excuses of this kind to duped clients for years.

The company, which subsequently went into liquidation, denies liability, and those who were associated with it denounce Wheeler as a humbug, a liar and a cheat. He is.

Nor is Mr. Mason by any means his only victim. There is a gentleman in North Wales who parted with £50 as a cash security of good faith to become manager of a depot for Wheeler. He got back £35—he was lucky—when he discovered by accident that a Stockport gentleman had parted with £80, and a man who had just come back from the Gold Coast with £250.

Wheeler was recently living at Lexham Gardens, Amersham, Bucks, and he induced a Chesham gentleman to part with £100, and later with a further £45. This gentleman cannot get his money back. Wheeler has now left Amersham owing the tradespeople money, some of them for his cheques which have been dishonoured.

One disappointed victim went to the Manchester police about the matter, to be told by a subordinate official there that only civil action could be taken, as Wheeler was clever enough to "keep just inside the law."

The law is not such an ass as that. When a man gets from another man money to be invested in the shares of a limited liability company, and makes no effort either to get those shares or to refund the money, that, in spite of all the detective-sergeants in the world, is plain fraud. Otherwise the word ought to be cut out of our dictionaries.

But there are some clearer cases. Wheeler got £500 from a Blackpool victim for shares in the same company. He promised, on the company's notepaper, that the shares would be allotted at the next meeting of the Board, but he did not pay the money into the company and the shares were not allotted.

At the time Wheeler was getting all this money from his victims he was doing it by the aid of specious promises and misleading representations. The Public Prosecutor, surely, can appreciate the position in this respect.

For a time Wheeler was living at Lymington, Hampshire, with a woman, and he left her there with a child of whom she claims that he is the father. She was stranded, penniless, and confronted by clamouring creditors of the rascal who had fled. There is a summons against him at Lymington for the maintenance of this child.

When one of Wheeler's victims threatened to go to the police, Wheeler made several written promises to return the money. He has not kept them. One gentleman, whose name we have, has lost thousands of pounds through Wheeler's rascality, and there is the best of reasons to suppose that unless the police take prompt steps he will go on finding other victims as the result of his extraordinary immunity from prosecution.

Our dossier of information is at the disposal of the Public Prosecutor and the police. Let them act!

# A Miracle of Miracles

***Greater than Aladdin's lamp is this little piece of wood.***

THE Wise Men came from the East, and some of them are still left there. There is, for example, a Mr. V. Baldwin, of New Sonapur, Bombay.

He has been taking a good deal of money from British "Tommies" and others for an invention which he calls "Spiritoskopein," and as it is understood that the home market will shortly be flooded by the same device, we think the occasion a good one to spoil that market for Mr. Baldwin.

"Spiritoskopein" is a little piece of wood that you could put in your waistcoat pocket. Nailed on to it is a smaller piece of metal, and, in the centre of that, a small circle filled with something that looks like pitch, or liquorice, or possibly is only old and dried mud.

This preposterous affair is sold for real money. And if it could do what it purports to do it would be worth a king's ransom. All you have to do is to drop a little cocoa-nut oil on it and then gaze earnestly at it. You must not wink your eye, and if you gaze without winking for from five to ten minutes you will see a beautiful house with the doors closed.

Then you say "Open the doors," and a spirit will appear. This spirit will tell you anything you want to know, and get for you anything you desire.

It is a grand affair, this, and has got the miracles of old sadly beaten. If you look into your "Spiritoskopein" you can tell the present, the past and the future, not only of yourself but of your friends—a dangerous power to give anybody, and one which heaven has so far considerately withheld.

You can interview the dead, and find lost articles and lost animals. One of the reasons why this invention is coming to Britain is that you can get written answers from the spirit to your questions in any language.

One testimonial tells how it made the future of a clerk who was drawing handsome "sallaries" but was not satisfied. "Spiritoskopein" apparently failed to teach him how to spell. But who would bother about spelling if he knew the past, the present and the future?

Another gratified client caught a thief who had "stollen" an electric fan. This client could not spell either, but he is consoled by the knowledge that nobody can rob him of domestic machinery.

There are, we do not doubt, thousands of people parting with their hard-earned money on preposterous representations of this kind.

The gullibility of the public is a standing marvel. But we do hope that the proposal to market "Spiritoskopein" in this country will be effectively shattered when this article appears.

# Mystery of a Mayfair Club

***WITH windows looking out on Buckingham Palace, with a score of peers and peeresses mentioned in its prospectus, the wonder of wonder clubs was to be something new in enterprise. It was—quite unique!***

THE Capitals and Wembley Club, Ltd., the latest registered office of which is 310, High Holborn, London, W.C., is company that was formed to establish a club that was to be quite a palatial one, was to have the usual facilities of a Mayfair Club, and would be run on lines that would attract visitors to this country for the Wembley Exhibition.

It was to give them a common meeting ground, and ultimately, it was hoped, it would affiliate with establishments in other capitals.

The leading spirit in this venture is a Mr. T. Parker Stanbank, and with him are associated three gentlemen—Messrs. C. F. S. Slight, E. F. Abnett, and A. C. Maundrell. Mr. Stanbank is, however, the man who really shines. He seems to have been obsessed for many years with the notion that he could establish a great club of this kind.

He tried to do it just before the war. In December, 1913, he promoted a concern called the Capitals United Clubs, Ltd., with a nominal capital of £5,000 and a registered office at 39, St. James's Street, W.

The venture fell through, the war intervening, and the Board of Trade finally dissolved the company.

In April, 1920, a concern called International Clubs, Ltd., was formed. Stanbank, who had carried on business in the city and was adjudicated bankrupt in 1919, was the leading spirit of this. It had practically the same aims and objects as the other and, without the excuse of the war, had an equally unsuccessful career. It never really functioned, and went into voluntary liquidation in the following August.

But this great idea was revived when the Wembley Exhibition appeared on the horizon, and the Capitals and Wembley Club, Ltd., was brought into existence with the assistance of Mr. Stanbank.

It was proposed to take over Lord Harrowby's house at 19, Grosvenor Place, the windows of which, it was unctuously observed, commanded a view of Buckingham Palace tennis gardens. The names of between 50 and 60 peers and other titled people were given as vice-presidents. Among them were the Marquis of Headfort, the Earl of Hardwicke, the Earl of Egmont, the Earl Lanesborough, Viscount Torrington, Lord Athlumney, Lord Seaton, Lord Leigh, and many others.

Amongst the peeresses' names on the prospectus were the Countess Fitzwilliam, Hersey Marchioness of Linlithgow, the Countess Annesley, the Viscountess Churchill. Amongst the baronets were Sir Francis Burdett, Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley, Sir Henry Havelock-Allan, Sir Wroth Letherbridge, Sir Harry Randall, Sir Thomas Barclay, Sir Godfrey Langdon, and other social stars galore.

But the Capitals and Wembley Club, Ltd., is now on the rocks, and is likely to go shortly into voluntary liquidation. Had it succeeded, however, it would have been a very good thing for Mr. Stanbank, who was to be the secretary of the club for life, at a minimum salary of £400 a year, to be increased when and so soon as the directors—Stanbank, Slight and Abnett were among the directors of the company—thought the circumstances warranted.

The other three gentlemen were also to get the best jobs for life at the same minimum salary and with the same provision as to increase, and advertisements appeared inviting people to invest money in return for other salaried positions.

Some poor fellows lost their balance when they saw the prospectus of this tremendous affair. Two of them, for example, put up over £1,000 in order to get work.

*Mr. A. V. Alexander, M.P., Parl. Secy., B.O.T., whose department should tighten up the Company laws.*

They did so because they believed they were backing a good thing which had secured the sanction and support of peers and baronets and other people of high position and character who had, as the prospectus said, "already brought lustre to the social and commercial life of Britain." With the undertaking now on the rocks, the investors are sadder and wiser men. Sundry creditors are in the same boat.

What of the peers and peeresses who allowed their names to be used in this scandalous fashion? One Vice-President, Sir John Drughorn, it is true, invested £100 in the company. According to Somerset House returns the other titled dignitaries did not part with a solitary cent!

The use that is being made of their names is disgraceful. If their permission was not given the promoters were guilty of an obvious and serious offence. If it was given, the givers were guilty of shocking and reprehensible carelessness.

# Amazing Ordnance Scandal

***Good men go wrong when their superiors encourage them.***

WHO is to pay for the amazing laxity on the part of the military authorities at Stirling Ordnance Stores?

Stirling has played a great part in Scottish history, with its castle and its river, which it used to be said bridled the wild highlander. Somebody certainly ought to bridle some of the military authorities, who have permitted, through their negligence, one of the worst scandals of military administration.

For some time past a series of naked robberies of Government stores has been going on.

There was, for example, Arthur Hunt, principal ordnance foreman, who pleaded guilty to stealing, *inside a fortnight*, ten cases and twenty-four sacks of metal and brass, twenty-two cases of horse-shoes, ten sacks of scrap-iron, and ten sacks of brass.

There was William Long, the ordnance traffic foreman, who pleaded guilty to stealing, *inside two days*, fifteen drums of oil, three cylinders of paint, two sacks of globes, two sacks of spun yarn, two sacks of twine, a case of tallow and a force-pump.

When men plead guilty to this sort of wholesale theft there can be no doubt about their attitude of mind. They are plunderers.

Hunt held the Long Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Queen's Medal for the South African war, and the General Service Medal for the late war, in which he was mentioned in dispatches. He also retired as a first-class warrant officer. He, like the other parties who pleaded guilty, were ex-soldiers who had been given jobs as civilians and had betrayed their trust.

It was argued that Hunt should be punished with a fine as there was his pension to consider. He was, however, sent to jail for three months, and Long got forty days imprisonment, some subordinates being let off with fines.

But the real point is that this wholesale robbery, in which goods amounting, it is believed, to many thousands of pounds of public money were openly carried out, motor-lorries and railway trucks openly used on forged documents, and the scandal was discovered, *not by the military authorities*, but by the police.

There must obviously be a complete enquiry into such a scandal. And it must be made clear why the higher authorities were not able either to prevent or to discover such wholesale robberies when they were carried out under their nose.

These higher authorities are in a position of trust. If they had done their duty effectively this disgraceful scandal could not have occurred. They must be held strictly to account.

# Eight Bob in the Pound

***Collecting for this charity is a remunerative job.***

AT this time of the year it is usual for intensive campaigns to be started by professional charity mongers with the object of obtaining funds on various pretexts from the generous-hearted public.

In most cases the money subscribed is almost entirely absorbed in "organisation expenses," only the smallest possible percentage being devoted to the deserving poor on whose behalf such pathetic appeals are made.

One such campaign was recently opened by the insertion of an advertisement in a London newspaper:—

"Capable interviewer required; previous experience not essential, but must be keen worker; liberal remuneration to the right man."

A reader who answered this advertisement, thinking it related to a commercial appointment, received a reply of such an astounding nature that it deserves to be quoted in full.

### *The Amazing Letter.*

The letter was headed, "Poor Children's Society. Headquarters: Shaftesbury Hall, Trinity Street, S.E. 1. From Local Secretary, West End Office, 27, Fitzroy Street, London, W. 1," and set forth as follows:

"In reply to yours, the collectors referred to are required for the above Society, collecting from house to house, factories, offices, cinema collections, or wherever funds can be obtained, with official collecting book or box. No street collecting permitted. Two responsible references are required.

"The terms are as follows:—5s. in the £1 commission and 3s. in the £1 for travelling expenses (local and suburban) total 8s. in the £1.

"Interview can be had here (27, Fitzroy Street) any Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 10 to 11.30 a.m. or 2.30 till 4.30 p.m. when further particulars can be had.

"(Miss) F. Clarke, Loc. Sec."

### *What do the Children get?*

Anything more disgraceful in the way of charity-mongering than this offer to collectors of 8s. in the £1 out of subscriptions wheedled out of people by appealing to their sympathies with poor slum children it would be difficult to imagine.

After all the other "organising expenses" have been paid, how much of the money collected from the public is it to be supposed will be available to brighten the lives of the "prisoners of the slums," on whose behalf the appeal is made?

This "Poor Children's Society," which offers such extravagant commission to collectors, is an organisation founded long ago for his own benefit by an arch-hypocrite named George H. Breton, whose activities as a selfish charity-monger have been a public scandal for forty years.

The least the Commissioner of Police can do, if he is unable to prosecute Breton for obtaining charitable contributions by false pretences, is to broadcast a warning to the public.

# We'll Tell the World!

*Gee, can't the Yanks hand out hot dope?*

LET us introduce to your notice L. H. Anderson, Principal of The National Institute of Science, 1014, Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Apparently this American advertiser imagines that these islands are populated by the people of whom Charles Kingsley wrote: "They sat under the flapdoodle trees and let the flapdoodle fall into their mouths."

He circularises this country with offers of "Valuable Hints to those already in the Mail Order Business or those desiring to engage in it."

"This is your Lucky Day!" he exclaims chirpily. "We can start you right and stand by you and make you win. If you are a clerk or a doctor, or lawyer, or butcher, or baker, or candlestick maker, no matter where you live, we can tell you how to WIN."

For a mere matter of fifty cents, or 2s. 3d., he will solve the problem that has vexed all the generations since Adam. "How to Love and Make Others Love You" is one of his strong lines.

If you cannot afford more than fivepence he will send you a book on "Beauty, Brawn and Brain," which might possibly be useful for butchers, but does not seem to promise much for candlestick makers.

Doctors with a whole dollar to spare might like to buy a book on "The National Way in Diet; or, Proper Food for Man." Lawyers with a like amount to spend can buy "Mesmerism, the Most Wonderful Thing in the World," which might, though it seems to us doubtful, make them remarkably successful in cross-examining witnesses.

There are surely quite enough mug-hunters in Great Britain without the assistance of Anderson of the Great U.S.A.

# Ballot Swindle: New Charges

***WHAT happened to the thousands of pounds subscribed by the public to the Victory Corps Motor Ballot? Recently we exposed the workings of the scheme and below we throw more light on this very dark subject.***

AS our recent article relating to the Victory Corps and its Motor Ballot scandal was going to press, we were invited to call upon the two lady organisers, Miss D. Walthall and Miss D. Sparshatt.

In a letter to us Miss Walthall stated that they were anxious to tell us about their troubles with the Ballot and its staff, and honoured us with the compliment that "we look on you as our valued friends, and there is much we should wish to tell you apart from what we have given to the dailies."

The letter went on to say that: "Possibly you know by now of the way in which we have been let down and defrauded by persons supposedly respectable," and concluded "I do not want to mention names in blame in writing, but when we see you you can have all relevant information."

A representative accordingly went along to the headquarters of the Corps, 172, Buckingham Palace Road, which is a private house where these ladies live rent free, to obtain the information they wished to give us "apart from what we have given to the dailies."

Unfortunately, it was quite a long time before he discovered anything new in what they had to say, except, towards the end of the interview, when they mumbled something about one of their earlier accountants having done a lot of nasty things with the finance owing to his drunken habits, and when they made certain remarks about another ex-employee who also seemed to have been obsessed with a craving for drink and a desire to help himself to the funds when nobody was looking.

When the ladies were asked for proof of these statements concerning the characters of these people they produced none, nor did they seem anxious to. When they were asked why the "earlier accountant" was not prosecuted, they talked about the difficulties of getting sufficient proof to obtain a conviction.

When our representative pointed

*Miss Dorothy Walthall.*

*Miss Dorothea Sparshatt.*

out that, in their position as organisers, they were surely responsible for the way the Ballot had been run, they made the excuse that they didn't understand this, were frightfully stupid about that, didn't know how to keep books and accounts properly.

Having failed to obtain the exclusive information withheld from the dailies, our representative was next introduced to Mr. H. Lane, described as a whist drive promoter, who had come forward to reorganise the Ballot. Mr. Lane did not dispute that thousands of pounds had been extracted from the public and dissipated to the extent that there was not a single penny left for prize money.

Mr. Lane has a scheme of reconstruction, and stated quite clearly that he will *guarantee* the prizes. His scheme, so far as our representative could discover, was to call upon the duped subscribers to pay a further sum say, 1s. 3d., which would entitle them to participate in a ballot to be taken on the original tickets, while fresh tickets would be issued at half-a-crown to people who have not already got tickets. This sort of reconstruction is open to very serious objections, and is almost sure to fail in view of what has happened.

But what we want to know, and what we consider the police have got to find out, is what has happened to the thousands of pounds already subscribed. There seems to be a grave doubt about the actual amount received. The sum of £16,000 given as lost was estimated by the ladies themselves.

What guarantee is there, in view of the disgraceful and scandalous fashion in which the books and records were kept that the sum involved is not far greater?

The police are somewhat embarrassed in their enquiries because a number of vital papers and documents are missing.

But we certainly think that while these two women calmly view the débris, and fill in their spare time by throwing dark hints against the characters of their ex-employees, as they have done in the case of the "earlier accountant," the police should make it their business to see him and find out what he has to say.

There is one way in which the duped ticket-holders can get some satisfaction.

If a few of them band together and, as a test case, sue the Victory Corps for the recovery of their money, and for damages for breach of contract, *and include as defendants some of the titled people who allowed their names to be used*, and who, in so doing, attracted and induced the public to part with their money, the Court will decide whether the responsibility incurred by these titled people was a legal as well as moral one.

# The Wheeze in Asthma

*Sad story of a parson on the "make."*

CANNOT the authorities of the Wesleyan Methodist body do anything to stop the disgraceful activities of one of their superannuated ministers named Silas Jones, who resides at Penmaen, Colwyn, North Wales?

For many years past this rascal, who still uses the prefix "Reverend," has acted as a tout for a quack of German extraction named Richard Haynel, of Worthing, who professes to be able to cure asthma and bronchial complaints.

The meanness of his methods is a disgrace to any organised body of religion. He advertises his anxiety to help to cure sufferers in such a manner as to make it appear that he wishes to make a thankoffering for his own deliverance from these distressing complaints. All he does is to pass the names of applicants on to Haynel, who fleeces them as much as he can.

Were it merely a matter of deluding fools into parting with money which they can afford to lose it would be bad enough, but there is evidence that this sanctimonious humbug, in order to put money in his own pocket, induces the poorest of the poor to pay their hard-earned savings to his quack friend.

He was recently instrumental in persuading a poor widow to send £2 17s. 6d. to Haynel, who is demanding a further £2 12s. 6d. for treatment which has done her more harm than good.

The poor woman has two little boys to support, and is entirely dependent on parish relief!

# A Twister on the Run

*Like a honey bee he flits from flower to flower.*

SEVERAL people are looking for an enterprising gentleman named E. W. Astill, who describes himself as a business transfer agent and many other things.

He was for some time rather busy in Cardiff, Leicester, Glasgow and Swansea, and about a year ago a farm labourer of Brecon got in touch with him and was offered a position with an agency he was working up in South Wales.

The labourer parted with £30 as security. In a short time his money, and his job, and Astill, had disappeared. The labourer was left starving in Cardiff. When he eventually got in touch with Astill he demanded his money back.

Astill promised to let him have it. The promise has not been kept, and the farm labourer is still looking for his £30. Some time ago, when he wrote one of many letters to Astill at 19, St. Stephen's Road, Leicester, he got a reply from Astill's wife, who was not quite sure of her husband's whereabouts.

The farm labourer got a cheque for £5 on account. The cheque was dishonoured. Across it are the inspiring words: "R.D Account closed."

Other people, including a poor widow, have experienced similar treatment at the hands of Astill, who, by the way, defaulted a few months ago with a Manchester firm.

So if you meet Mr. E. W. Astill on his travels, either as a business transfer agent, or a football accountant, or a philanthropist with good jobs going cheap, give him a few plain words and a wide berth.

# Were Christ Prime Minister

*WHAT is wrong with the world to-day is the idolatry of Self, says the writer, who urges that there must be a moral revolution before our troubles disappear. The only cure for humanity's ills is a new mental outlook, a regenerated spirit in the heart of man*

## by "GIPSY" SMITH

*"Gipsy" Smith the world-famous Evangelist.*

MARSHAL the moral and social problems of the day, and at the head of the disheartening procession you will find the god of this world—Self. And until selfishness is destroyed there will be neither peace at home, abroad, nor in the heart of man.

If I am asked what is the function of religion or the purpose of real social reform or the object of true politics, I unhesitatingly answer: To wage war on the selfishness of humanity and to replace the self-god by Love, the true spirit of brotherhood and fraternity.

I have no other argument. My knowledge of life and first-hand acquaintance with most of its great problems has convinced me that neither education nor legislation can hope to make any real reform in the material circumstances of life until the heart of man is changed from being essentially selfish to being naturally selfless. A change of living conditions won't do this; you can put a pig in a parlour and it won't be the pig that will alter. Neither will a University education do it; putrid water becomes no purer because you paint the pump white.

### *Our Virtues and Vices.*

And so I say to the wealthy who are worshipping the self-god: Your education and your social position are doing you no good, and you are doing your fellow-man no good, while you model your social conduct on the rotten principle of how much you can get out of life for yourself. To the working-man I say the same: It is not what you get out of life for yourself that matters—it's what you put into life for others.

There is a whole heap of muddled thinking going on relating to the so-called virtues and vices of the rich and the poor. To my mind, so long as both classes worship the self-god there is nothing to choose between them—their sin is the same. For the bottom dog I have a message and for the top dog I have a message. And that message is the same for both.

When I hear of a rich man hoarding more money than he can ever spend I pray that God will forgive him for his dishonesty. No man has any moral right to superfluous wealth. There is a figure over which a man's money ceases to belong to him, and if he refrains from dedicating it to the use of humanity, he is dishonestly withholding money to which he has no claim in the sight of God or man.

I say this regardless of how the man came by his wealth. He may have been fortunate (or unfortunate) enought to have been, by a perfectly uncontrollable accident of birth, born the heir to a rich man. He may have invested his money, or his brains, or his labour wisely (or luckily). He may have sweated his workpeople and exploited the needs of the people.

Whatever the means by which he obtained that wealth, my religion tells me that he has no moral right to more of it than is necessary for his needs.

### *The One God We all Love.*

As for the working-man, he also has a moral obligation to the rest of the community. It is no more dishonest for a rich man to hoard his gold than for a workman to play ca' canny at his job. The law of life is that all men should do their best for the rest. When I see a gang of navvies knocking off before time or idling over their work at the rate of one shovel per hour I write them down as dishonest: There is no distinction between the idle poor who "dodge the column" and the idle rich who tire themselves out doing nothing in their clubs.

Idlers and dishonest men are idle and dishonest merely because they are far more concerned about themselves than the community. This self-god has been erected in every heart in every home in every country in the world.

### *Free Love and Good Times.*

East and west, it is the same. In the delicately tinted drawing-rooms of Kensington there is "free love" and "advanced standards of morality." In the dirty streets of Limehouse there is vice and prostitution. But the sin is exactly the same. In the West End the filth of the mind and the body is veneered over with fictitious respectability. In the East it stalks stark-naked through the street.

It is this self-god also that accounts for the new standards that the young people regard as "modern." The average youth and maiden of to-day has one philosophy of life: "We live—let us have a good time." And so there are hectic nights of dancing and night clubs, strenuous Sundays of golf and tennis.

But I do not altogether lay the blame on the youth of the day. Are the parents blameless? Look at that social curio known as the modern mother. What is the mental and moral outlook of her child to be? This modern mother regards her child as an encumbrance, a drag on her wheel of pleasure. And so she hires someone else to nurse it for fear she should "spoil her figure." Nor can she give up her round of gaiety to train the poor child. She gives it a sleeping draught each evening so that she can butterfly off to dance-dinners and joy-parties.

Common-sense tells the decent-minded that such a life is all wrong. It is the result of worship of the self-god. True religion is the only cure. Some poor benighted folk represent God as a cross between a Uriah Heep and a glorified Snodkins. The God of Nature can be no kill-joy. The music of His birds is greater than that of Beethoven, Bach or Brahms. The wings of His butterflies are painted with colours that sent Raphael delirious with envy.

### *Stockbrokers—or Whippet Races.*

It is the self-god that is the joy-killer. When the self-god is laid in the ashes life will be sweeter. The true spirit of human love and brotherhood—the essence of true religion and true politics—alone will create the coming world revolution, the Moral Revolution. When the Day of Revolution comes the New World will begin.

That new life will find all our present problems soluble. Unemployment, housing, gambling, prostitution, crime, low wages, high prices—these problems are the direct outcome of the worship of the self-god.

Take the gambling evil. Gambling is dishonest and immoral in principle. The getting of something for nothing is as dishonest as the getting of nothing for something. But the Scottish miner who puts a bob on a whippet race is by no means as wicked as the stockbroker who created a run on wheat in order to force up the worth of his shares on the Exchange. And there is no difference in staking money on a game of *chemin de fer* in a gambling hell and paying half-a-crown to play at a whist drive run in aid of a new church organ or to replace the curate's old surplices!

As for the problem of prostitution that is directly traceable to the self-god. But while we seem to unite in condemning the poor girl, I think Jesus Christ would again direct attention to the *men* in the case. How many of our fallen sisters are the products of a man's selfishness?

Or the soulless employer, with callous disregard of the humanities of life, pays his girl counter-hands a wage big enough to starve on. They are forced to supplement this by means fair or foul. Then, with Pharasaical hypocrisy, we bring to judgment the woman taken in adultery.

And this attitude of condemning the selfishness that causes prostitution would not only apply where the victim was an "unfortunate" on the streets, but also where the victim is a bright young girl of society whose mother sold her into marriage with a broken-down roué or a wealthy profligate with coronected stationery.

### *The Coming World Revolution.*

Thus would the problem of prostitution be dealt with under the new régime brought about by the moral revolution.

Under that régime the housing problem would be solved, because if Jesus Christ were Prime Minister the first care would be to see that every little child born into the world would have a comfortable home. The selfish interests that stood in the way would have to be made to see that by right of birth every child should have a clean, sunshiny, warm, cosy home.

And, further, the problem of unemployment would be solved. Under the moral revolution scriptural teachings regarding work, wealth and property would be put into practice. There is a parable in the New Testament where an employer gave the same pay to workmen whom he had taken on in the morning and to those he had taken on later in the day. Thus proving that the right system of payment is based on the *needs* of the worker.

What I have sought to declare in this article is my profound belief in the fact that what is wrong with the world to-day is the idolatry of self and that the only solution to all the world's problems, as the only cure of all the world's ills, is a new mental outlook, a regenerated spirit in the heart of man. Without this new spirit the best legislation in the world is as futile as carrying mercury in a sieve.

There can only be the physical act of disarmament after the spiritual attitude of a revulsion against war. There can only be tranquillity in industry when there is tranquillity in the hearts and minds of the industrialists. Therefore I fight, work and plead for this new spirit to start in individuals *now*. A world revolution will come, but as the world is composed of units it must come in the individual hearts of the units first.

So when people ask me: "Is it possible to bring the Sermon on the Mount into modern life?" I reply: Only when *you* are prepared to bring it into *your* life. When the gospel of fraternal love and human brotherhood is practised by the individual, then will be seen the first flush of the dawn of the moral revolution.

# CARTOONETTES

and Topical Jingles

by DAVID WILSON

Says Mrs. Webb, who Thomas knows:
"Dropped aspirates are Jim my's pose,
Jim's p's and q's are all correct.
He drops his aitches for effect."

The news from Moscow makes us pause,
John Bull is cast for Santa "Claws,"
Trotsky's out to beat the band,
To make the Russias one Loan Land.

X-rays will end the plumbers' plaint
And help to save our walls and paint,
But this man's eyes will leave their sockets
When tax collectors "ray'd" their pockets.

By air, by sea, awheel, afoot
They've come to give poor Mac the boot.
No matter, onward Ramsay goes
He knows their tricks, he knows, he knows.

*The Sentence of the Court*

# MILKING THE GREAT B.P.

## Distributors' Defender in the Dock

by HARRISON OWEN

"OUR obedient servant" (as he describes himself in letters to the Press) J. H. Maggs, chairman of the United Dairies, Ltd., pleaded "Not guilty" to a charge of insubordination, in that he persisted in defending the charges made by milk distributors, although the Linlithgow Committee had specifically stated that these charges were excessive.

"It is typical of the methods of the accused," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "that he provided the Press with a sob story a few days after the milk distributors had torn yet another concession from the farmers. 'Where in all England,' he asked, 'is such value given for 1½d. as in the dairyman's service charge for a pint of milk?' I should be shocked to learn that any other class of distributor exploits the public to the same extent.

"Mr. Maggs dilutes figures as if they were milk, but the modest '1½d. a pint' of which he writes amounts, when undiluted, to the exorbitant '1s. a gallon' which the Linlithgow Committee so unequivocally condemned when they pointed out that if farmers can sell milk for 4d. a quart it is ridiculous that distributors should charge 8d. for delivering it. Despite this view, arrived at by the Committee after careful investigation, the attitude of the dairymen is that any reduction in the retail price of milk must come from the pockets of farmers.

"Three-quarters of the magnificent reduction of ½d. a pint with which we were presented last year was borne by the farmers, and this year the distributors generously announced that they would fix the winter price at 7d. a quart if the farmers would bear the whole cost of the halfpenny reduction. As the farmers have consented to bear only a portion of the cost, we are informed that it is unlikely that any reduction will be made. In other words, the farmers are to receive less, the distributors will grab more and the consumer can wait till the cows come home for the price to be reduced."

IN defence, Mr. Strawsplitter said that the dairymen were sick of hearing the Linlithgow Report quoted as if it were Holy Writ, for it merely represented the views of some well-meaning gentlemen who, in their anxiety that the public should get cheap milk, had ignored the interests of dairy shareholders. The directors of the United Dairies were not philanthropists dealing in

the milk of human kindness, but business men whose job was to sell a commercial commodity at the highest price obtainable.

"The views expressed by counsel for the defence," said Mr. Justice Bull, after a verdict of "Guilty" had been returned, "go far to explain why many householders have acquired the habit of speaking of the milkman as the 'bilkman' and of associating him with sadly diluted cow juice and plain undiluted profiteering. Counsel's objection to the members of the Linlithgow Committee appears to be that they were not duly qualified milky way highwaymen, but merely disinterested investigators. Most citizens, however, find that their report makes more illuminating reading than the sob stuff provided by the United Dairies' own specially published 'Mag(g)s.' As the activities of the prisoner in the Press are as unnecessary as they are unconvincing, he is sentenced to be tossed from the inky way by a cow with a crumpled horn."

*Saints and Sinners*

# A Devil-may-care Noodle!

by HESKETH PEARSON

## Duke who Finds Life a Picnic

NO one in his senses would ever dream of suggesting that the Earl of Lonsdale and the Duke of Westminster had much in common with each other. Both are devoted to sport, but with a difference. To put the thing neatly, the Earl is a sportsman while the Duke is a "sport." In almost every way they are utterly unlike, and they wouldn't agree on a single subject if they started a debate. Yet they have this one thing in common—both of them are types.

If the Earl is the type of man the average Briton admires, as I believe he is, then it is just as certain that the Duke is the type of man the average Briton likes. The former is the man in the street as he would like to be; the latter is the man-in-the-street as he *is*. You take off your hat to the first; you clap the second on the back! One is John Bull; the other is plain "Bill."

OF course the Duke is very much more British than the average Briton—because he can afford to be. He can take part in every kind of game, go to every race-meeting, see every musical comedy or revue, dash about in the most up-to-date car, drink the best wine, enjoy the society of the prettiest girls—and, generally speaking, live the life that the average Briton would live if he could.

*The Duke of Westminster.*

Above all—and in this he is most intensely typical of his race—he is incurably adventurous. Anyone but a Briton would call him a madcap, a hot-headed, harum-scarum, devil-may-care noodle. Which, curious though it may sound, would be perfectly true. We are a nation of noodles—in the eyes of the rest of the world. If we were not, our amazing and incredible exploits all over the globe would never have won us an Empire. It must be the cause of profound irritation among the clever Continental folk that our noodledom has succeeded where their diplomatic scheming has failed. That dash across the desert with a few armoured cars during the war was the Duke all over. It was the kind of thing that inspires cutting utterances from clever Frenchmen.

Indeed our path to glory has been paved with French epigrams. The Duke (like any other typical Briton) took it as an ordinary incident in the day's march, and felt rather upset because no other Party was considerate enough to get itself marooned for his benefit.

HE hates all forms of argument and discussion, first, because he is illogical and impulsive by nature, and secondly, because his debating powers are inconsiderable. He gets tied up and easily flustered, can't marshal his words with any skill, and has no point of view.

He just knows what he likes and calls it "topping."

His immense rent-roll—the most valuable in London, I suppose—interests him only vaguely.

And the most characteristic thing about him is that when he reads a paper, he dives into the Gossip columns and skips the leading articles!

# POISONED MEAT: Alarming Revelations

## We must have a pure food-supply for the people. No measure so directly affects the welfare of our children, says our contributor, who reveals terrible cases of diseased food

### by ALEX. M. THOMPSON ("Dangle")

GOOD food is the first essential to good health, and good health is the first essential to human happiness. "Half our diseases or more," according to Mr. Ellis Barker's articles in JOHN BULL, "spring from wrong nutrition." The fermentation and putrefaction of bad food within the body produce poisonous agents which find their way into the blood stream, break down such lines of defence as the lymphatic glands and the liver cells, and make us the helpless prey of any micro-organism which may attack us.

*Mr. A. M. Thompson, the well-known writer on social and labour topics.*

Sir Arbuthnot Lane holds bad food responsible for rheumatism, tuberculosis, diseases of the nervous system, and even cancer. It is therefore impossible to exaggerate the importance of securing a pure food-supply for the people. Of all the duties imposed upon Government and Parliament, there is none more vital than this.

### *Our Babies' Welfare.*

There are many subjects of more spectacular and controversial interest, which make greater appeal to the passions of the populace. But there is none that concerns them more closely, none that so directly affects the welfare of our children, none more urgently concerned with the happiness of the nation.

Yet this essential business has been scandalously neglected. All kinds of penalties are enforced against dealers who add a few drops of water to their milk, but not a fraction of the care taken to hinder their petty rascality is devoted to prevent the infection of our babies with the murderous germs of tubercular milk, or our adult workers with tubercular meat.

There are places where the importance of the subject is recognised, and where efficient and conscientious public servants are strenuously striving to combat the deadly scourge of tainted food. One of the best is Brighton, which has spent thousands of pounds on a fine public abattoir and other aids to cleanliness and wholesomeness of food-supply.

### *Bad Meat at Brighton.*

The local food inspector, Mr. W. H. Watts, has a keen sense of his mission, and the effects of his vigilance impressively suggest what dire consequences of disease, suffering and death must be reaped from the carelessness prevalent in other towns.

An investigator sent to Brighton by the editor of JOHN BULL reports the case of a casual purchase of tongue and liver sausage at a high-class local shop. The purchaser, having "scented" his acquisition, was moved to send half of it to the editor of the *Brighton Herald*, and the other half to the food inspector.

The editor publicly proclaimed that the stuff even when cast into the fire left its noxious effluvium which even the pipes and cigarettes of the staff could not overcome. The food inspector tersely reported: "Liver sausage in a decomposing condition. Tongue also tainted."

Now consider what would have happened if the purchaser had been a careless person, or had been one of the very numerous people who lack the sense of smell. The result would certainly have been intense agony: it might have been death.

### *What the Cat Ate.*

In another case at Brighton, mutton bought as "prime Canterbury lamb," assumed a peculiar colour when cooked. It was placed in an outhouse, where a strange cat got at it. The cat being driven away, crawled to a corner of the garden, where, after terrible convulsions, it died.

Now, the meat in this case had looked all right until it was cooked. If the purchaser's family had eaten it, what would have happened?

In the "condemned cell" of the Brighton abattoir, the JOHN BULL investigator was shown some specimens of meat which had been seized or voluntarily surrendered. There was a cow's head with a growth full of abcesses. There was a fine pig seized in a local butcher's shop, tubercular from snout to tail. There were other animals with lymphatic glands infecting the carcases with tuberculosis.

### *Other Towns, please copy.*

The vigilance of the Brighton inspector had saved local consumers from the deadly illnesses which that poisonous meat might have produced. But the inspector, however alert, cannot be everywhere at the same time. And what about the other towns where supervision is less stringent? What seeds of lifelong suffering and awful death are being sold in butchers' shops there every day?

Of 3,174 beasts slaughtered at the Brighton abattoir last year, 223 were tubercular. Seven per cent. of them, if they had been distributed amongst the butchers of the town, would have devastated the district with germs of wasting illness, of lingering wretchedness.

From local shops six sheep, two pigs, and two calves were taken as unfit for human food. In one case where a manifestly tubercular carcase of pork had been sold to a butcher by an outside firm, the sellers were prosecuted and fined. Our laws do not allow the poisoner of one individual to pay for his crime with a fine. Should they really reduce the penalty to absurdity "on taking a quantity"?

### *Offence or Crime?*

Brighton has a top-hole record in this campaign against wholesale murder. But the glaring light thrown on its local attempts at crime casts appalling shadows on the regions of lesser watchfulness. One catches glimpses.

At Arbroath a butcher was recently fined £100, with the option of sixty days in jail, for trying to sell four pieces of diseased pork. Another was fined £50 for the same "offence"—it is not considered polite to call it "crime."

In Edinburgh, the Chief Sanitary Inspector, "on information received," sent to a local butcher's for sausages labelled "fresh to-day." These avowedly modern dainties proved to be rottenly ancient. Other meat from the same shop had suffered the same chronic change. The result was a fine of £25! One might as well try to extinguish Vesuvius with a syphon of soda water.

*Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., who is introducing a Clean Food Bill in Parliament.*

According to the Ministry of Health a percentage of cows are yielding milk infected with tubercular bacilli. To minimise the resultant danger to consumers, cows have been graded. A certain test admits the milk of perfectly healthy cows as "certified."

Splendid idea, isn't it? But one begins to wonder what becomes of the other cows' milk when one reads that out of 151 milk producers only fifty-five hold "certified" licences.

### *Disease from Cows.*

So far back as 1907, the Royal Commission on Tuberculosis declared that "cow's milk containing bovine tubercle bacillus is clearly the cause of tuberculosis in man, and that a very considerable amount of disease and loss of life, *especially among the young*, must be attributed to the consumption of milk containing tubercle bacillus."

The 1911 Commission confirmed this view as the result of ten years of study and experiment. American official enquiry attributed 25 per cent. of tuberculosis in children under five to "milk from tubercular cows." Dr. Hastings, M.O.H. for Toronto, has made this remarkable statement: "If the truth were known 15,000 children out of the 30,000 who die annually in Canada might justly have the epitaph: 'Poisoned by impure milk' placed on their gravestones."

Yet little is done to prevent the spread of the awful scourge, and the penalty of discovery in the worst cases is a trivial fine!

### *Too Much Trouble.*

Out of 761,784 tons of British meat dealt with at Smithfield in 1923, 171,884 pounds were diseased. It is officially reported that "there appears to be no improvement in the inspection of meat in country districts.

Some of the consignments were so obviously diseased that the consigners must have known that the meat was in a doubtful condition, but they did not trouble to have it inspected at the place of slaughter."

One could go on multiplying instances of the human wastage due to the slack, happy-go-lucky supervision of our food-supplies. There are definite proofs that even foot-and-mouth disease may be contracted by human beings from tainted meat.

The Legislature has never realised the tremendous gravity of the matter. In most centres there is no local food inspector.

In few places is there a public abattoir. Even where there is a food inspector he only examines home-killed meat.

Imported meat is inspected at the place of origin, and as quite a month may elapse between its slaughter and consumption, its certificate of immunity from disease is obviously farcical.

### *A Menace to the Nation.*

In many cases meat becomes decomposed and unfit for food because it is conveyed in unclean or unsuitable railway wagons, without adequate protection against dust, dirt and atmospheric conditions. Bacon is kept so long at the docks that it becomes slimy and tainted.

By neglect of simple but essential precautions, we are virtually murdering thousands of people, and especially little children. We are undermining the stamina of thousands of others.

The Clean Food Bill, which is to be introduced to Parliament next month, may not be the most showy of legislative proposals, but it is certainly as important as most measures of reform, and perhaps more practical and vital than the most beautifully idealistic.

For it is a question of the life of the children and the strength of the race.

# Candid Communications

## (Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and Occasionally Nonentities)

**To the Rt. Hon. J. RAMSAY MACDONALD,**
**10, Downing Street.**

MY DEAR PREMIER,—I cannot understand why it is proposed to adjourn Parliament again until the end of October after it has reassembled to deal with the Irish Treaty. A bold and courageous Prime Minister would say to the assembled politicians: "You are the people's representatives. Here you are, and here you stay, until between us we have made a common plan for relieving the people's distress. We will drop Party, and face facts. We will either solve the unemployment problem, or frankly confess that we lack the ability to do so." Believe me, I make the suggestion in all seriousness. JOHN BULL.

**To the Rt. Hon. A. HENDERSON,**
**Home Secretary.**

DEAR MR. HENDERSON,—The extent to which the habit of chlorodyne drinking has lately grown is simply appalling. At Brighton the other day a woman was said to have consumed four bottles a day, and the police court reports are constantly bearing witness to the vogue of this deadly drug. The principal reason, of course, is that chlorodyne is not yet scheduled under the Dangerous Drugs Act, and so it serves as a makeshift for those who cannot obtain morphia or cocaine. The Act must be amended without delay. JOHN BULL.

**To EARL BEAUCHAMP,**
**13, Belgrave Square, S.W.1.**

MY LORD,—For goodness' sake do not be bluffed into eating your sensible words about our relations with Russia. There are many things in the Anglo-Russian Treaty which ought to be criticised, but the recognition of the Soviet Government was undoubtedly a stroke of policy, and the sooner free trading relations between the two countries are resumed the better for all concerned. Because you had the courage to assert this plain, economic truth some of your friends are annoyed with you. Tell them that what you have said you have said. JOHN BULL.

**To the Rt. Hon. J. WHEATLEY,**
**Minister of Health.**

SIR,—I cannot believe that the new form of death certificate is to relieve the doctor of the necessity of viewing the body of the deceased. Yet categorical statements to that effect have been issued. The grim possibilities opened up by such an amazing suggestion need no specifying. Kindly get busy and reassure me—and the public at large—that a mistake has been made.

JOHN BULL.

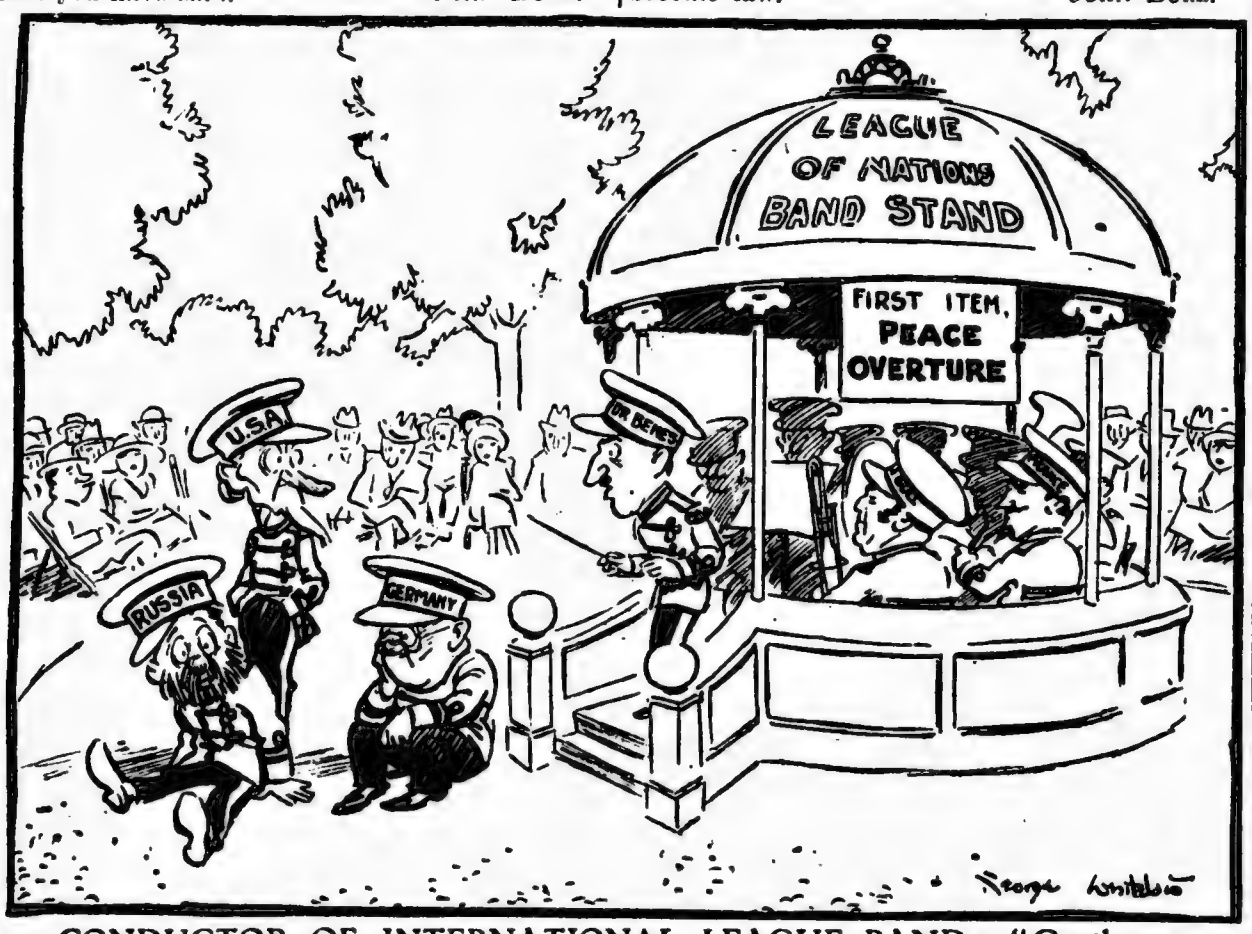
**To EARL HAIG,**
**Bemersyde.**

MY LORD,—While I have every sympathy with your campaign in aid of the ex-Service men who are still unemployed, I doubt whether you are tackling the problem from the right end. Fundamentally your problem is only a part of the main question of unemployment. The public feel the matter as keenly as you do yourself—and they are equally helpless. What, after all, can they do? Your real line of attack should be on the Government, which alone can solve the problem. Political pressure, not appeals for vicarious charity, is the best weapon.

JOHN BULL.

**To the Rt. Hon. J. H. THOMAS,**
**Colonial Secretary.**

SIR,—By a draft Ordinance recently published, it is proposed to compel all alien traders in Gibraltar to take out a licence at an initial charge of £25, renewable annually for a fee of £5. I read that the word "alien" shall mean and include every person who is not a native of Gibraltar. Local traders include a number of British-born ex-soldiers who have remained on the Rock on which they served their King and country, and it is monstrous that they should thus be dubbed "aliens" and penalised in their efforts to earn an honest livelihood. I look to you to see that such a shameful perversion of the principles of British justice is never allowed to become law. JOHN BULL.




CONDUCTOR OF INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE BAND: "Gentlemen, we are waiting."

**To WILLIAM GRAHAM, M.P.,**
**Financial Secretary to the Treasury.**

SIR,—I am glad to hail you as a supporter of my common-sense programme for the nation. If I rightly interpret your recent speech at Sheffield you are prepared to recommend the Government to clear out of Mesopotamia and Palestine, to control the use of capital, and to smash the trusts and rings. This is the identical policy at which I have been hammering away for months. I am so glad to see you read your JOHN BULL.

**To Major L. HORE-BELISHA, M.P.,**
**Devonport.**

SIR,—Your idea of making a tour of the slums in your constituency with the Ministry of Health inspector is one of the soundest I have come across for a long time. Not only have you given the inspector some invaluable first-hand knowledge, but you have, if I may use a colloquialism, "put the wind up" those ghouls of society, the slum landlords. If all politicians took their work in this spirit I should have hope. JOHN BULL.

**To Sir GEORGE NEWMAN,**
**Ministry of Health.**

SIR,—Your memorandum on "Public Education in Health" is an illuminating document. I am grateful to learn that the public is manifesting a deeper interest in matters pertaining to health. But I am amazed to read that in one year over fifty thousand infants die before reaching the first anniversary of their birthday, and that three thousand mothers die in childbirth from causes that are largely preventable. Parliament must give you wider powers of control. Local Authorities badly need waking up to their responsibilities.

JOHN BULL.

**To E. SHINWELL, M.P.,**
**Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Mines.**

SIR,—I notice that in a recent speech to your constituents you declared that before long there will be introduced in Parliament proposals of a drastic but necessary character to provide the domestic consumer with coal at a price consistent with the costs of production. I seem to remember your having said something similar many, many months ago. With the winter coming on and coal prices once again rising, the wretched domestic consumers are crying, "How long, O Lord, how long?" JOHN BULL.

**To the Rt. Hon. Sir PATRICK HASTINGS, K.C.,**
**Attorney-General.**

SIR,—The time has arrived when facilities should be provided which will enable prisoners at ordinary police courts to have the benefit of legal representatives to conduct their defence. In the civil courts a certain measure of assistance of this description is available, but there is no one to plead the cause of the unfortunate person in the dock at the police courts, unless he can afford to brief a solicitor. You should introduce legislation for the formation of a panel of defenders, composed of local solicitors receiving payment from the court funds. JOHN BULL.

**To JOSEPH FRANCIS, Esq., J.P.,**
**Chairman, Southend Bench.**

SIR,—Such magistrates as you almost make me despair of justice. After convicting Richard James Johnson, of Oakleigh Park Drive, of a terrible offence against a little girl of thirteen, you addressed him thus: "We are going to take the view that you were subjected to sudden temptation; we shall not send you to prison, but we feel it our duty to impose the maximum penalty—a fine of £20." What sickening twaddle to talk of "sudden temptation" in such a case! The "maximum penalty" you could have imposed was six months. Would you value your own daughter's innocence at £20? JOHN BULL.

*Without Fear or Favour*

# A BOMB FOR BUILDERS

## Pure Food at Last!

IN this week's issue of JOHN BULL we carry our pure food campaign a definite stage forward. Our readers will note that many of the advertisements now appearing in our pages bear a distinguishing mark in the shape of this small symbol which signifies to intending purchasers that the commodity has been found, on scientific analysis, to be entirely free from ingredients of an injurious character.

As regards food-stuffs this means, in short, that they are pure; while as regards patent medicines it means, not that we guarantee cures, but that the preparation, if used in accordance with the instructions, can have no injurious effect upon the health.

Of course there are many articles which have yet to be submitted to our laboratory tests, and as time goes on the scope of our scheme will be enlarged.

Meanwhile we draw the attention of our readers to an article on another page, by Mr. A. M. Thompson, dealing with a grave meat scandal. That such conditions should exist in this country is appalling. These revelations afford further proof of the need for such a campaign as that which JOHN BULL has now undertaken.

The scandalous delay of the Ministry of Health in issuing a full report of its recent enquiry necessitates vigorous action by the Press, and we congratulate one or two of the daily newspapers on the aid they are giving to the campaign against impure food inaugurated by us months ago.

## The Vicious Circle

NO journal in the country has more consistently exposed various forms of monopolistic villainy than JOHN BULL. Rings, trusts, and combines, all forms of robbery without violence, have come under castigation. But moral suasion is not enough.

What is needed in this country is a British equivalent of the American anti-trust law which would make the promoter of anti-social price-combines acquainted with the inside of the jail.

These trust-mongers are the worst of human parasites. It has been largely their fault that housing has been held up, that food prices have soared; and that shipping freights are now throttling our export trade. The wheat ring also operates to the hurt of the housewife; the persons behind this ring are the leading grain importers and flour millers; while an association of master bakers keeps up the price of bread.

All such forms of commercial dishonesty need the sharp correction of the law.

## Another Muddle in Whitehall

*THE strange actions of Mr. Wheatley's Ministry of Health look like increasing—instead of mitigating—the housing horrors. We call Parliament's attention to double-dealing on the part of Ministry officials*

THE new Housing Scheme, it would appear, is being strangled in infancy by the Ministry of Health. This is a grave statement, but we are in a position to prove it. All over the country builders and speculators, and private citizens building their own houses, are putting up houses and bungalows in strict conformity with the provisions of the Housing Act and in the full expectation of receiving the promised subsidy of £75 per dwelling.

This is the inducement on the strength of which they are building, the profit on their risk. Unless strict faith is kept with them the scheme will collapse. It is Mr. Wheatley's bounden duty to keep to the absolute letter of his bond; instead of which sharp practice and double dealing have already begun to creep in.

*Right Hon. J. H. Wheatley, Minister of Health, whose department seems bent on handicapping builders.*

Here is the sort of trickery that is going on. In order to secure the subsidy certain conditions as to materials, size and type of building must be observed, and in deference to the clearly expressed wishes of Parliament the Act definitely states that "every house and flat to be eligible for a subsidy must be provided with a fixed bath in a bathroom."

THESE are entirely sound provisions. It is to be noted that nothing whatever is said in the Act as to what the buildings are to cost or at what price they may be sold.

A private investor recently sent in plans conforming in every respect with the requirements of the Housing Act. These plans were duly passed by the Local Authority. These preliminaries having been satisfactorily got over, the speculator engaged a builder to put up a number of bungalows on the land he had bought for this purpose, when suddenly he was informed that although every detail of the Housing Act had been complied with, he would not receive the subsidy.

He was referred to the Ministry of Health, who calmly told him that "if the house or bungalow, including land, drainage, water, making-up roads, architect's fees, and all other expenses, is sold for more than £600" the subsidy cannot be paid.

Now, on looking through the Act, not a single word on the question of cost is to be found, except in section 28, which provides for *loans* to owner-builders of houses up to the value of £1,200. This, however, is a different matter from the £600 limit now being arbitrarily, and, we submit, illegally, imposed upon the owners and builders seeking the *subsidy*.

EVERYONE knows of the urgent need for houses. Whole families are herded together in single rooms under conditions that would shock a savage. At such a moment it might be thought that Mr. Wheatley and his Ministry would do all in their power to encourage building enterprise. It appears that the exact opposite is the case.

This attempt to cheat builders and investors out of their rights may not unjustly be called by a very ugly name; and the sooner members of Parliament, without distinction of Party, unite to put a stop to it the better. Unless the Government plays the game, the Housing Act will be a dead letter.

## Way to Prosperity

PITY the unemployed who put their faith in politicians! They are, indeed, doomed to disappointment and despair. First the Coalition and then the Conservatives failed utterly to grapple with the problem. Alas, the Labour Government, so lavish of promises at the last Election, seems equally helpless.

But politicians do not like to confess their helplessness. They prefer to go on making promises and breaking them as soon as made.

The remedy for unemployment rests largely with the people themselves. It demands that those who are fortunate enough to be in work shall work harder. The stupid folly of ca' canny only aggravates unemployment. Restricted output means dear goods, diminished sales, and less work for everyone. High wages can only be paid when large scale production enables us to sell as cheaply as our competitors in the impoverished lands that are crying out for goods.

In short the harder we work the more quickly shall we recover our lost markets and so be able to find jobs for the unemployed.

Those nations which are recovering quickest, as Lord Leverhulme pointed out the other day, are those which rely least on the politicians and most on hard work. The only possible way in which the politicians can help is to think out ways and means of reducing the burden of taxation which hangs like a millstone round the neck of British industry. The best service they can render to trade is to get off its chest.

## A Lost Church

RATHER late in the day the Church is beginning to confess that it is Christian in name only. During the past nineteen centuries professing Christians have been getting further and further away from their Master both in mind and deed. And now the Church is learning the bitter lesson of failure.

It is recorded of the Founder of Christianity that "the common people heard him gladly"; but in these days the people can find no congenial atmosphere in the Church.

Said the Rev. J. T. Horton, of Bradford, recently, "Men drink? Yes, and if I lived in hell I would rather live there drunk than sober. If I had to do the same thing every day at work I should not think it very wicked to seek excitement in putting a 'bob' on a horse." As this cleric pointed out, it is the social conditions that are vastly to blame.

If the Church will return to its Founder it will also return to the people whom He loved.

# WE COME UP SMILING!

## by A. G. GARDINER

***WHY have we drifted into a position in which we cannot produce anything like as cheaply as our foreign competitors? Is it not because the plunder of the consumer has made the cost of living so high that what we produce is undersold in the world markets? asks A. G. G.***

*Lord Leverhulme, who says that the nations recovering quickest are those working hardest.*

IN recent weeks I have been trying to lay bare some of the causes of industrial depression and unemployment. In this great matter two things are important. One is to keep the whole field in view. It is necessary to see how one fact reacts upon another, how waste here means impoverishment there.

If the railways, by excessive charges and incompetent management, make travel too dear and freightage too high; if the multiple shops make the consumer pay through the nose for his butter, tea and everything he eats; if the building rings make materials so dear that houses cannot be built at economic rents and have to be subsidised from the rates and taxes; if trade unionism puts obstacles in the way of cheap production; if these and similar things occur, then the cost of living is raised, the cost of production follows, and the great staple industries that are the foundation of our fortune cannot compete in the open market. Let us try to see the problem as a whole.

THE next thing is to see it coolly and fairly. It is not a case for the hysteria with which the Rothermere Press envelops every subject it touches. There is room for sober concern and strong action, but it is mischievous and untrue to cry "All is lost." All is not lost. We are just emerging from the greatest convulsion the world has ever seen, a convulsion that has knocked the whole fabric of world society sideways. Recovery has been held up for five years by the insanity of Poincaréism, now happily stone dead.

But in spite of all, Great Britain is still the richest, most stable, most enviable country in Europe. It is the only great country that is paying its way. It is the only country that acknowledges its debts. Its foreign trade is suffering in common with that of every other country, but it still holds the dominating position in the world's markets. Indeed, our share of world trade is actually larger than before the war—that is, while all have suffered, we have suffered least.

THESE facts do not mean that "all is lovely in the garden." Far from it. The depression in the staple industries, the magnitude of unemployment and the heavy burden of relief that falls on the taxpayer, are triple aspects of one disease—the disease of bad trade. And it is with the causes of that disease that I have been dealing for some weeks past. I do not suggest that they are the only causes.

For example, the black cloud that hangs over the cotton trade is due in part to the failure of the American cotton supply, which has produced almost a famine in raw material, and to the slump in business in India and the East. The better outlook of this season's cotton crop will bring relief here and so, also, will the settlement of Europe, for a trade like that of Lancashire can only prosper in a settled world. Shipbuilding, also, is in a lamentable plight, chiefly because world trade is disorganised and because there is no demand for more shipping. Here, again, the settlement of the world, in stimulating trade, will bring prosperity back to our shipyards.

BUT apart from these causes, which only a condition of world peace can remove, there are undoubtedly influences at work at home which are tending to prevent the recovery of trade by making the cost of the commodity produced extravagantly high.

I heard the other day of a case in which the British price for rails for the Argentine was £40,000 more than the foreign price. In that case the contract was kept by us because the firm agreed with their men—*behind the back of the trade union*—to share the loss in order to keep the business. But why should there be this vast gulf between the foreign price and our own?

Is it not because the plunder of the consumer, which I have been exposing of late, has made the cost of living so high that the goods we produce are undersold in the world markets. If the municipal street sweeper gets £4 a week, the consequence is that the shipwright will have nothing to do but to walk the clean streets with his hands in his pockets. If the railway freights are extravagantly high the goods are handicapped and trade is lost. I do not want to see our wages cut down to the German level, but I do insist that we cannot compete with Germany or anybody else if our workmen restrict output and make everything we manufacture twice as costly as it ought to be.

Instead of making a bogey of German competition we want to take note of the sensible things the Germans and other people are doing to cut down costs and stimulate production. They reduced the freights for goods and cattle by 10 per cent. last week, have brought the freights for coal below pre-war price and are about to reduce the price of coal 10 per cent. That is real business. They see that cheap power and cheap transport are the prime essentials of trade.

What is happening here in such great matters? The iron and steel industry is in the Slough of Despond. It has been, and still is, the chief victim of depression, and the situation in such places as Barrow, Middlesbrough and Sheffield, which are dependent on these great trades, can hardly be painted in too sombre colours. Business is at a standstill, great firms are trembling on the brink of ruin, and the towns are faced with bankruptcy.

Why? Because the cost of production is so high that not only can we not compete in foreign markets, but we cannot keep our own orders. And the high cost of production is due not only to the profiteering and other causes I have mentioned, but to the monstrous freights, and most of all to the prohibitive price of coal.

I AM told by one of the ablest men in the iron trade that if coal were available at 5s. or 6s. a ton less the great iron and steel industry would be revolutionised. And it is notorious that nothing but the shocking chaos of our coal trade prevents that. We have the richest coal measures in the world, but the price is dictated by the poor seams, and the rich seams are providing literally unheard-of profits for the owners. And meanwhile industry which depends on coal is bled white. Let the Government give industry cheap coal and cheap freights and check profiteering in all its forms and there will be no need to fear the future.

# THE TRAGIC B

***Is it not possible to have a scale of sentences for murder?***

THOUSANDS of thinking people in Britain must have been struck by the vastly differing attitude of the public towards a number of notorious murderers whose crimes have filled the columns of the Press.

They have seen extraordinary exhibitions of pity in one case and manifestations of sheer disgust in another case. They have remarked that petitions have been drawn up and signed by a multitude of people for the reprieve of a man whose offence was legally exactly the same as that of another man for whom nobody attempted to invoke pity.

Surely the fact that there is doubt and even sympathy sometimes, and at other times no doubt whatever and not a particle of sympathy, proves that in murder as in everything else there are degrees. In reality there is not only a difference in degree but a difference in kind between acts which are nevertheless described by the law as murder, and are punishable only in one way.

For the child-mother who in a moment of madness and despair kills her unwanted offspring, for the lover who in the heat of passion blindly and without premeditation takes a human life, for the survivor of a pact of simultaneous suicide, for the ruffian who engaged in a lesser crime unintentionally causes death, for the cold callous cunning wretch who carefully plans his atrocious deed—for them all there is but one penalty.

Although it is true that the Home Secretary may exercise his discretion and may commute the pain of hanging to the pain of lifelong imprisonment, in the eyes of the law all murder demands a death sentence.

*Mr. Sisley Hu*

It is not so in other countries. In America and in France, to mention only two nations, distinctions are drawn between the various kinds of killing. In truth no murder is like any other murder. One can, of course, classify murders in a loose way and can insist on points of resemblance. But the more one analyses motives and examines the circumstances the more will one become persuaded that there are just as many sorts of murder as there are murderers.

We have learnt to distinguish between crime and crime. Is not the ability to realise differences the hall-mark of civilisation? It is our business not to lump criminals together. It is our business to ascertain exactly what kind and degree of

# THE PRINCE OF WALES

## by A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER (Author of "The Mirrors of Downing Street," etc.)

*HAS the Prince of Wales no friend sincere enough to advise him what the country expects from its heir to the throne? "There is great work to be done in Britain," reminds our contributor, "and to dance away the night is not the wisest preparation for that work."*

*H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, whose public life is a matter of public concern.*

AFTER passing through many manufacturing cities, crowded with unhappy slums, I came the other day to the country estate of a friend of mine, who is devoting his wealth and his very considerable creative faculties to its prosperity.

The contrast between the dark cities and this green country was complete. In the one case I felt that neglect and disorder could not go further in human life without producing physical chaos and moral anarchy; in the other, that devotion and enthusiasm were easily building up a veritable paradise. When my friend bought this estate, let me explain, it was in the last stages of dissolution. Remote from any town, with no gentleman's house nearer than seven miles, and with no village even at its gates, the few cottages round about the park were falling into ruin, and the sons of the depressed field labourers were going to the towns in search of work.

Now all is changed. Beautiful cottages with big gardens are rising up round the farm buildings. Skilled craftsmen are permanently at work on the estate. The fields are being brought back into cultivation. The sons and daughters of the people are being taught arts and crafts.

ON Sunday my friend asked me if I would go to church with him, adding that he had been fortunate enough to find a young and enthusiastic clergyman to take charge of the moral and spiritual life of his little kingdom. We went in the evening. The church, which is very ancient, stands on a solitary hill a mile from the great house. Its peal of eight bells filled the evening air, mingling with the cawing of rooks wheeling about the elms. The green lane leading to this hill was full of people walking leisurely to evening prayer.

I was looking down on this little church from the squire's pew in the gallery, thinking how happy was the lot of all these brown-faced country people compared with the lot of pale-faced people in crowded slums, when the name of the Prince of Wales struck upon my consciousness. The clergyman, in that lonely old church on a green hill, surrounded by kneeling carpenters, masons, wheelwrights, blacksmiths, farmers and field labourers, was praying for "Edward Prince of Wales." He was praying, with the lamps lighted and the cawing of the rooks coming through the open door, that God would endue the Prince with His Holy Spirit, enrich him with His heavenly grace, prosper him with all happiness and bring him to His everlasting Kingdom.

ALL over Britain, in towns and cities, in villages and hamlets, this same prayer was being offered up to the Creator of the Universe by simple British people, and I wondered if the Prince, far away in America, was aware of this petition, was touched by the thought of it, and whether he felt how great and yet how terrible a thing it is to be the object of a nation's prayers.

Afterwards, with the memory of this beautiful service in my mind, I fell to thinking of the Prince's life. He has grown up in the love of the British people. From a boyhood as perfect as a mother's love and a father's care could make it, he arrived at manhood to find himself a figure of universal popularity. This little golden-haired and blue-eyed boy in a sailor suit had become the young officer in the Guards, and, instead of hearing of his quaint remarks and pretty ways, the nation listened with delight to stories of his intrepid courage.

Then came his constant travels, and speeches which showed that he had an original mind, and more stories of his pleasantness, his sweetness, and his devotion to his duties. The best people in the nation, the solid people, thanked God that their prayers had been answered. The Prince of Wales was not only the most popular figure in the British Empire, but a man who eminently deserved the love and loyalty of a great people. If there was one man in the country who could command the passionate devotion of the British nation it was the Prince.

To continue in this path, to fulfil the hopes and prayers of a vast multitude, the Prince must realise that no mind can survive a continual strain upon the physical energies. Always to be exercising the body, and always to be indulging in sports and amusements which excite the nervous system, is to inflict damage on the mind. It is essential that the mind should be fed if it is to grow in power and richness, and the best way in which the mind can be fed is by reading, by conversation with scholars and by meditation.

I FEEL that if the Prince would sometimes remind himself of the prayer offered up on his behalf by such people as I saw in that lonely country church last Sunday, by masons and wheelwrights, carpenters and blacksmiths, shepherds and cowmen, he would be happier both in mind and body. He would feel that there is a great work to be done in Britain, and that to dance away the night is not the wisest preparation for that work. He would feel that constant appearances in public are not necessary, and that popularity with one section of the people is not a sign that he is making his mark on the age. He would become, I think, more and more aware that the true life of a man is the spiritual life, and that for that life "heavenly grace" is indeed essential.

The Prince, no longer a boy, approaches the testing years of middle age, and it is a matter of national concernment that he should be strong in body and fresh in mind, setting an unquestionable example in all those high and lofty things which are necessary to our salvation. He belongs neither to the racing set nor to the dancing set, neither to the leisured classes nor to the working classes, but to the whole nation; and the whole nation is now earnestly thinking how it may make the disordered British Islands a kingdom of true peace and lasting happiness.

In every squire conscientiously devoting himself to the prosperity of his estate, and in every manufacturer conscientiously considering the social welfare of his workpeople, the Prince may see in which way the true conscience of Britain is moving, and also the character of the work to which he himself is called. When he returns from Canada let us hope that he will slow down the tremendous pace of his public and private life, and so order his days as to play a really great and noble part in the higher life of the British people.

# BLACK CAP

## by SISLEY HUDDLESTON (Formerly the *Times* Paris Correspondent)

culpability should be attached to each bad human action.

But we do not as yet recognise that just as there is justifiable homicide and culpable manslaughter, so there is every shade of murder properly so-called. For murder there is, however, one law, one verdict, one sentence.

*Sisley Huddleston*

What I am suggesting is that, however much we may deplore the taking of human life in any conditions, we are not equally shocked and horrified by every murder. There is a descending scale, as is clearly seen when we consider the reactions of the public towards each succeeding crime in which the public has interested itself. The judge and the jury alone are officially obliged to have only one reaction. Surely there is something wrong.

I am not advocating here the abolition of the capital penalty. There are many arguments in favour of its retention. Nor do I think that we should go to the extreme which has been reached in France where the smallest extenuating circumstance may result in a complete acquittal.

But even these acquittals in cases where politics or passion has seemed to mitigate the crime of killing are sometimes dictated by the fear of the jury that a conviction would result in the guillotine. The juries have sometimes properly felt that the risk of the guillotine was too heavy a punishment, and they have preferred to err on the side of leniency rather than on the side of severity.

My fear is that we shall, in England, reach a state of mind in which juries will be more and more reluctant to convict at all if the inevitable consequence of conviction is the scaffold. Where there is even the tiniest element of doubt, the jury will, especially after certain recent happenings, run no risk.

A moment's consideration will convince us that if hanging is too good for some murderers, it is too hard for others. In every other crime the judge has the power to inflict whatever sentence he may in his wisdom think appropriate.

Why should it be determined in advance? Without abolishing capital punishment it would surely be possible to have a whole scale of sentences? The judge, guided by the jury, should have some discretionary powers instead of being compelled, as now, to don in every case the tragic symbol of the black cap.

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## by NORMAN ANGELL

THIS is "No More War" week, and millions, not merely in our country, but throughout Europe, are giving public testimony to their sincere desire to end for ever this ancient scourge which becomes more and more menacing to human society as that society becomes more complex.

It is well that men should thus testify their will to peace. But the most disturbing fact in the whole war problem is this: while everybody, speaking broadly, is in favour of peace, everybody sooner or later goes to war.

If you could have had a referendum any time during the last twenty years among the three hundred millions of common folk in Europe on the question "Do you favour war?" a vast Titanic "No" would have exploded to heaven. Yet most of those millions went to war, or sent their lovers, husbands, or children—to die, or ruin, or burden their lives, for no earthly end in human welfare that could not have been achieved immeasurably better by other means.

### *The People Behind an Army.*

Why did they thus, bootlessly, and with such heroism, pour out blood, treasure, life, happiness?

Were they driven to it by statesmen or capitalists? A few score. or hundreds, of obese politicians or financiers could not "drive" tens of millions of stout lads. The "force" here is obviously on the side of the lads, the people.

If they had not been willing to go, a few old gentlemen in clubs could not have driven them. And if these old men captured the mind of the people, how was it managed? What made the millions willing to die?

Ten years ago we had an easy, all too easy, explanation. Those nations of the Alliance were driven by German aggression to defend themselves. The world would have remained at peace, we assumed, but for the wickedness of Germans. If only German power could be destroyed—so we were told hundreds of times by hundreds of our teachers and public men—there would be no more war. Well, that theory at least has been put to the test.

### *Everybody Asking for it!*

German power and armaments have disappeared, but armaments as a whole are heavier than ever, and no one pretends that peace is secure. No one now pretends that only German governments are provocative and war-like. We know that if an action like that of France in the Ruhr had been taken against any but a completely helpless country, there would have been war; that Italy's action at Corfu was an act of war; that even peace-loving America has been wantonly provocative towards Japan; that we ourselves allowed Mr. Churchill to start a war against Russia so casually that although it meant vast sums of public money we hardly knew that it was taking place.

And we all have our part as Allies in a peace settlement which, violating nearly every principle for which we fought, must by all but universal consent involve further wars unless it can be altered in time.

Yet all these peoples, even when applauding Ruhr invasions or Corfu bombardments or Russian expeditions—when creating conditions which make war inevitable—will declare sincerely enough that they want "no more war." In other words they believe that they are simply standing for their national rights, and that only to protect those rights will they go to war.

That brings us to the heart of the whole matter, the misconception of Right when we think nationally. War is an ancient, a powerful, a stubborn institution, because where our patriotisms are involved it is so easy for Wrong to masquerade as Right, and to take us in. Statesmen can deceive the people and make them want to fight, not by offering them great prizes, but by persuading them that it is their duty in order to defend their threatened rights, economic or other.

### *War's Greatest Fallacy.*

We believed, during the war, not only that the Germans were wrong (which was true) but that they knew themselves to be wrong; which was absurd. For no people will die heroically in hundreds of thousands, and for years go through all *we* went through, if they believe their cause to be wrong. Nor do they die on the battlefield from mere selfishness and avarice. That obviously is not possible, unless they are a great deal surer of their heavenly reward than most of us usually are.

*Mr. Norman Angell, whose predictions about war astonished the world.*

When we think of the men of our own side, we see that this must be true. But is it any less true in the case of the enemy? Until we are honest enough to admit this, we shall not penetrate the moral fallacies which perpetuate war. If the motives which push the world to war were plainly and obviously evil, they would not entrap men. We should be aware of them.

It is because Moloch can appeal to much that is noble that he is able to devour so many victims. If he had appeared to the Germans in the guise of Satan, they would never have worshipped him. They fell down before him because he came before them professing to be God.

If we had faced that obvious truth, we should not have tried at Versailles to build the new world (for which we encouraged our youth to die) on a foundation of falsehood, the falsehood that only Germans misconceive their national right. We made a peace which must inevitably lead to new wars unless it can be modified. In the name of Right and Justice we made the charter of this new world a treaty which violates the simplest, most elementary principles of justice.

### *Laughing at Justice*

Let us see in what way; see, that is, what we must do, if we would have peace; the price we must pay.

It is the starting-point of all administration of justice that a litigant in a cause cannot be its judge, that the two sides must accept third-party judgment. A creditor, for instance, must not himself be judge of disputed payments. Yet the whole settlement of Versailles is based on the assumption that one party to the dispute shall also be its judge, shall be sole interpreter of the meaning of the contracts to which the two parties subscribed, shall alone decide what sanctions, what punishments may be applied.

We cannot profess to stand for arbitration, peace, judicial settlement, law, when in our actual policies we take a line which repudiates the indispensable principle of these things. But the evil does not end there. We profess to desire to substitute law for force, to have a security based on law.

There is obviously one condition which is indispensable to law and security; that the rights under law, the securities which we ask for ourselves, shall be equally accorded to others. (For failing that, they will seek security in arms.) Have we accorded them? Do we even pretend to accord them under this new world charter, to the millions of central Europe? The ex-enemies say in effect to us: "If one of our neighbours, your allies, becoming his own judge in his own cause, invades our territory, destroys our public authorities, sets jailbirds to rule us, will the protection of your law or your league be thrown over us? Will it restrain them as it would restrain us? Are we entitled to security"?

### *Security—for Whom?*

And in effect we reply that neither the law nor the League is for the restraint of our allies; that security is something for one half of Europe only. We proclaim quite openly that "we stand by our allies," which means that we cannot stand by the impartial application of the law.

Since we do not ever pretend to assure security for the other side, how can we blame him for trying to make his own security in his own strength? If we were in his position, what should we do? We should arm.

If a foreign nation demanded that in any dispute between us that other nation alone should be judge, we should resist that demand to the death. Why do we ask of others what we should refuse if asked of us?

Why do we refuse to accord to others that security which we declare to be our own inalienable right?

"Criminal nation"? But it is the criminal above all who has need of the law's impartial protection if ever he is to be won from crime. He will never come to believe in a law which allows others to attack him with impunity.

### *A World Safe for All.*

Here are issues that are very simple, truths that are very plain. If France is to get security. Europe peace and disarmament, we must be ready to offer protection, security, also to the ex-enemy. Otherwise, he will create his own protection, arms; and that will come to threaten France and us.

To disregard these plain truths, or to smother them in the passions which can be excited by talking of Huns and recalling war atrocities, is to refuse to pay the necessary price of peace.

These are not "popular" things to write. But in our hearts we know them to be true. And it is no good shouting "No more war," and proclaiming ourselves the friends of peace unless we are prepared to face that truth.

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"Unfortunately, I am disfigured, having been so since I was twenty-one: I am now thirty-three.

"Two years ago I was introduced to a very great surgeon. He was interested in my case, and offered to operate for nothing. I should have to have three or four operations. Needless to say, I have been very restless since I saw the surgeon.

"Anxious as I am to have the treatment, my wife is very averse to my going. She says I am selfish to want to go; it would take about nine months. I should only be in hospital a few weeks at a time, at £2 10s. a week.

"MY wife says that if I go she will not look after the shop or permit anyone else to do so, and also that she will drink, and pawn everything she has. This is no idle threat, as I have had great difficulty with her at times. She is otherwise a good wife in the home.

"I do not wish to go against her wishes, but would like to have the operation done. I seldom go out, and my appearance is often commented on by thoughtless people. Naturally, I feel my position keenly, and want to get rid of my disfigurement.

"Do you think you can advise me? I have no friends. When I came out of hospital I was cut dead by those who once were my friends.

"MY complaint was tuberculosis of the skin, but I am quite cured now. After the disfigurement happened I sometimes think it would have been kinder if the doctors had let me die.

"I have had twelve years hell, and I think I am a fool not to avail myself of the surgeon's very generous offer—but what can I do?

"It seems selfish of my wife to stand in my way, but I haven't it in my heart to condemn her. What do you think?"

"Humanist" says:—*A wife who stands in the way of her husband's health and happiness is a bad wife. If necessary put somebody else in charge of the shop and instruct a solicitor to protect your interest. You have a right to happiness; refuse to be robbed of it. I can understand your feelings and sympathise with you in your terrible position. A wife should be a helpmate in every respect. Yours has failed you.*

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"WHILE I was visiting surgeon for a nursing home I met a girl patient there of good family who had been unfortunate enough to pay the price of loving a married scamp too well. Her baby died while she was yet an inmate of the institution, and thus enabled her people to account for her absence as being due to a holiday on the Continent.

### Doctor's Dilemma

"Now I have always been a great protagonist in favour of the theory that a doctor's duty is one of strict secrecy wherever his pateints are concerned, but to-day love for my son is urging me to relinquish this standpoint.

"Two weeks ago my boy informed me of his bethrothal to the daughter of a well-known fellow-citizen, a girl whom I had never met before. You may judge of my consternation when a few days after, at our first introduction, I recognised my one-time patient of the nursing home.

"Now what am I to do? The girl has begged me to make no reference to the past, and up to the present I have been able to conceal the fact that we have met before. My love for the lad, however, tempts me to tell him all I know. Would I be doing right in shattering the great love he undoubtedly bears for this girl?"

"Humanist" says:—*You must not tell. Give the girl her chance of happiness, and honour the sacred tradition of your noble profession.*

"WORKING with a firm for over five years, I became very ill and had to be operated upon; after which it was necessary for me to have a long rest. Of course I had to give up my position, but I was told that it would always be open to me whenever I cared to return. With a wife and two children, I was able to keep myself and them for just a year on the money that I had saved during the time I had been in work.

### The Right to Work

"Now, being out of funds and in better health, I returned to my firm, wishing to resume my work. I found that an ex-Service man had taken my place; he is slightly shell-shocked which makes him twitch his face continuously and also stutter slightly.

"The firm tell me that they will discharge this man as soon as I give them a definite date of my return; but having seen this man and the condition he is in I know it will be difficult for him to get a new job.

"I know it will also be difficult for me to get another job, as work is not very brisk in my line of engineering. My wife is against my looking for another post, as she says my first duty is to my wife and family.

"What shall I do? Should I take on my old job and save myself the trouble and expense of looking for a new one; or should I let the ex-Serviceman have the benefit of the job?"

"Humanist" says:—*Clearly you are entitled to return to your job. It was not your fault you had to leave it, and, as your wife says, you have a duty to her. But as the firm is not pressing you to return immediately—spend what interval you can looking for a job. If you find it—you will have kept another man in employment, always a comforting thought.*

"TWO years ago a girl friend of mine had a baby, the father being a married man. It was agreed that he should pay for the child's up-bringing, and also make some provision for its maintenance in the event of his death.

### Forget the Past

The girl, however, was persuaded to give the baby up when it was three weeks old, the father paying a substantial sum to decent, well-off people for its adoption.

"Because of this event in her life the girl will not mix with people, as she does not want to meet any body for whom she might care. She says no man would forgive her lapse.

"She now tells me that the child's father (who apparently does not get on well with his family) has approached her asking if she will accept money at his death, should he make a bequest in his will.

"The girl herself is inclined to think he should do something for her, as she says he has spoilt her chance of marriage; but she will not tell him this because she knows he has his own family to support."

"Humanist" says:—*This girl is typical of many whose outlook on life is spoiled by a narrow and over-strained morality. She cannot forgive herself for an error of conduct. That is un-Christian presumption. Tell her to forget, if she cannot forgive; to mix with the world and get from life the pleasures it has to offer and which it is sinful—as well as stupid—utterly to refuse. The man might certainly be worse; to punish him both during life and after death is carrying self-righteousness and self-esteem much too far.*

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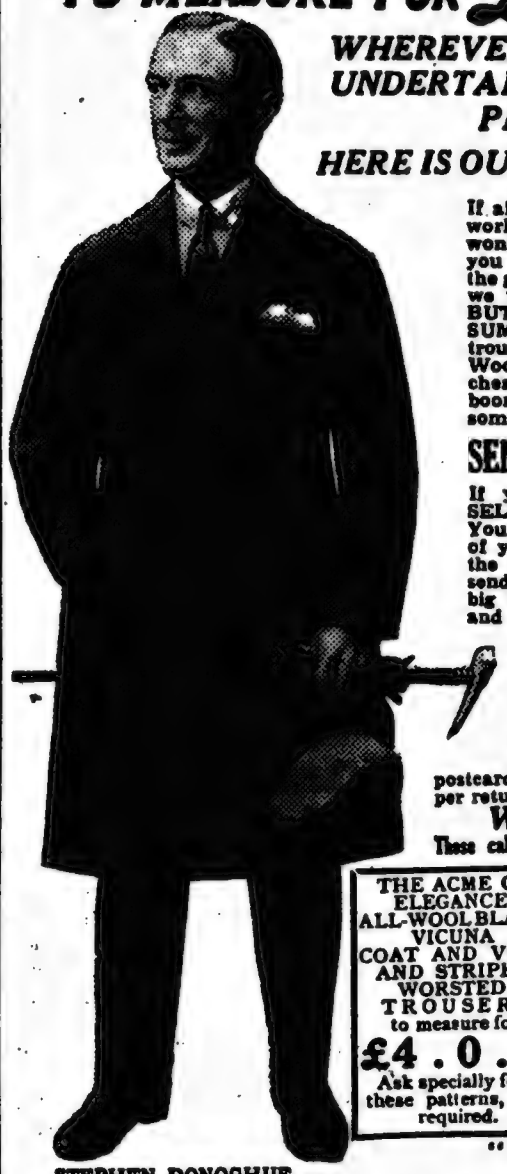

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**Home Truths.**

"I don't like you! True, your advice is often good, but it is often unkind. When I recently asked you to answer a query, you first made me look small to all my friends. I think you are unfair sometimes."

*Good advice is like medicine, not always palatable. I don't mean to be unkind: try to forgive me. It is my duty to speak plainly.*

**Film-struck Daughter.**

"My daughter, aged eighteen, wishes to become a film star. I live in the country and do not wish her to go to London alone. She has been offered an unpaid job by a Wardour Street firm."

*On no account let her go without making full inquiries. Send me any correspondence you have had with the firm in question. I will inquire into its standing.*

**The Only Way.**

"My eldest son has taken to drink and bad ways: he is dependent on me, and I propose to send him to Australia. His mother objects and threatens to leave me if I do."

*Sending him to Australia is not curing but hiding his faults. Stand side by side with your boy; help him to resist temptation. Get his gratitude by being the best of fathers and of friends. I think that is the only way.*

**Foreign Investment.**

"I have bought a plot of land in France—cheap. The owner now offers me my money back and says the regulations prevent him making the land over to me. What should I do?"

*I should take the money: the land will be dear if you have litigation. But if you want to find out your rights, write to the British Embassy in Paris. They will advise you how to clear up and maintain your rights.*

**Working Overtime.**

"I am one of a staff of eight employed in an office where we have to work overtime without extra pay. We do not mind this, but our employer threatens us with dismissal unless we work extra, which he demands. Can he compel us to work overtime, and in the event of any of us being dismissed, have we any redress?"

*No. I am afraid—unless you are in a trade union—that the employer can fix the hours as well as the rate of pay. But why worry, if you don't mind working overtime?*

**Old Love-letters.**

"My niece, a charming and popular girl, has recently been jilted by her lover. I quite understand her feeling of wanting to 'pay him out.' The only method we can think of seems very petty—that of sending him extracts from his various love-letters and in the margin writing bitter sarcastic taunts. Do you condone such an action?"

*I certainly don't. It is a catty idea. Tear up the love-letters and forget the writer. Enjoy life and dismiss, as much as you can, its irritations and disappointments.*

***Words Winged to Women***

# The Magic Door

*by* BERTHA MASON *(Hon. Sec. Women's Local Government Society).*

I WRITE of a magic door. Once, and only once, each year it opens, but beyond its portals lie untold opportunities for women's initiative and service.

The right of women to the municipal franchise is an ancient right. It was taken away by Parliament in 1835, and restored to them by Parliament in 1869. In the latter year, when the House of Commons had under consideration a Bill to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, Mr. Jacob Bright moved that "all words importing the masculine gender should be held to include women for all purposes connected with and having reference to the election of, or power to elect, representatives to any Municipal Corporation." This clause was agreed to, and since then women have been making their way into the field of local government.

*Miss Bertha Mason, renowned for her social service in France during the war.*

But many more women are needed if the long fight for equal franchise is to be justified. The number of women who enter the lists when the yearly election for Council seats is announced is still disappointingly small. This can only be because women generally have not realised the tremendous opportunity for improving social conditions and for rendering that real help to women and children which local administrative work affords.

WOMEN are unquestionably the more experienced sex where genuine welfare work is concerned, and there is little in the work of any Town Council that could not rightly be classified under this head. This is so generally recognised by Town Councils themselves, even when the elected members are exclusively male, that they invariably "co-opt" women members to work alongside with themselves on the various welfare committees.

The Councils have duties under the Acts relating to notification of births and maternity and child welfare, and they can provide baby hospitals and lying-in homes and help for expectant mothers, and if that is not work undeniably within the province of wise and thoughtful women I would like to know what is.

The Councils are also the Education Authorities, and the administration of national education, whether elementary, secondary or technical, cannot be efficient unless women take part in it as Councillors. Nor is it likely that the wide powers conferred by Imperial Parliament upon these local bodies in respect to medical inspection, feeding of necessitous school children, provision of school clinics, nursery schools, open-air classes and the like, will be fully exercised unless they are backed by the insistent work and enlightened opinion of women.

AND because the Councils can provide public parks, recreation grounds and open spaces in which they can supply music and games, that is another reason why women should be upon them.

The Councils employ women officials as well as men. They make arrangements for women in baths and wash-houses, and it hardly seems decent that any Town Council should be left with these and similar duties exclusively in the hands of men.

The health of a town depends so much upon whether a Town Council does its work well or badly that women must realise it as their bounden duty to their homes and children to take upon themselves more fully this special form of citizenship.

Looking after the children, keeping things clean, providing education, caring for the enfeebled and sick, and withal making ends meet—these are the duties. The door of a Town Council is truly magical in the opening it affords for useful service. Will not many more women, in the coming elections, enter in?


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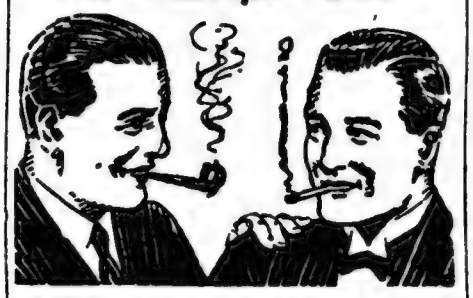

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Every selection sent out since September 5, has been placed.

**Jazz Band and the Cesarewitch.**

There is plenty of time for me to give a definite selection for the Cesarewitch, and as the coughing epidemic is still rampant, I suggest we leave the race alone for the time being. If he steers clear of accidents, Jazz Band, the horse I gave in two of my mixed doubles, will go very close. Adam Scott has set his heart on winning this race.

**The North on to a Man.**

Northern sportsmen were delighted when Mr. Adam Scott gave the Prince Edward Handicap at Manchester a miss with Jazz Band. They are on the five-year-old to a man for the long-distance race—and although he is only a commoner he is a good one. The success of Kwannon, one of his Northumberland Plate victims, in the big Lancashire race, is a pointer for Jazz Band.

**My Cambridgeshire Outsider.**

Grave Fairy, my Cambridgeshire outsider, has tumbled from 100 to 1 to twenty-fives, and as most of the dailies are now pointing out her obvious chance I am afraid she will see a much shorter price. At the Curragh last week she beat a field of twelve by twelve lengths. The race was over fourteen furlongs, so backers need have no fear that Grave Fairy will fail to last the Cambridgeshire course. As a matter of fact, during the past few months she has been raced over distances of seven furlongs to two miles.

**Horses to Follow.**

I wonder how many punters have followed the tip I gave for Crubenmore in my horses to follow? Although he had failed in fourteen consecutive races this season I earmarked him as a certain winner. Crubenmore has run twice and scored twice since.

**Crack U.S.A. Jockey Coming.**

According to my American papers Earl Sande, the crack U.S.A. jockey, who rode Zev in the ill-starred match with Papyrus, intends to ride in England and France next year. If he can make himself half as popular as Danny Maher he will not regret his visit. Only a few months ago Sande had a terrible smash, and no one expected him to live. His iron constitution pulled him through.

**Watch The Fillies.**

When weighing up handicaps now don't overlook the fillies. Bear in mind that they are from 7 lbs. to 12 lbs. better at this time of the season.

### THIS WEEK'S SELECTIONS

Gatwick, Wednesday,
MIWANI, ULVA FERRY.
Gatwick, Thursday,
GLENDUN, CONGO.
Edinburgh, Wednesday,
VIVIANI, BRAXINA.
Edinburgh, Thursday,
ACTIUS, LIGHT CAVALRY.
Newbury, Friday,
GRANPAU, NEW STYLE.
Newbury, Saturday,
BELLMAN or DAIMYO, GLENDUN

**The Booing of Beasley**

The spectators who booed Beasley for failing to win on Gay Amazon at Warwick were very poor judges of riding. Beasley rode a good race on the second favourite, but met with all sorts of bad luck. At the critical stage he lost his whip. These so-called sportsmen should go to some of the South Devon meetings to see how races are won and lost. Then they might have cause for complaint. I witnessed a two-horse race at Totnes some years ago in which the favourite refused at the first jump three times, and was tailed off half a mile. Eventually he went after the outsider, caught him in the run in, and won by several lengths. The onlookers endeavoured to get at the jockey on the loser, but he managed to squeeze into the paddock. The stewards fined him £5 for bad riding and cautioned him as to his future behaviour!

*Harry Beasley, who rode Gay Amason at Warwick, and met with a bad reception from the spectators.*

**Jockeys' Bets.**

Jockeys are not supposed to bet, at least so we are told, but at a recent Southern meeting I came in contact with a punter who works the commissions for several of them. He backed the winner of every race on the card and gave me a tip which JOHN BULL readers may like to have a little on next time out:

BELLMAN.

**PADDOCK PARS.**

I fancy George Hulme, who rode the St. Leger second, would have given pounds, shillings, and pence to have beaten Salmon Trout. If he had not left the Aga Khan's stable Hulme would have ridden the winner. He lost his cap in the great race.

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The French have eight horses left in the Cesarewitch, and hope to repeat their success of last year. Fou du Roi is their best stayer.

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Whalley does not get many mounts these days, and I understand that he has returned his riding licence and intends to start a training establishment at Newmarket. "Snowy" is very popular, and should do well.

### SELECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 4.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION I.
HOME WINNERS.
Arsenal, Burnley, *Cardiff, *Everton, *Sunderland.
AWAY WINNERS.—*Sheffield U., *Spurs.
DRAWS.
*Villa v. Huddersfield, Leeds v. Birmingham, Manchester C. v. West Ham, Notts F. v. Newcastle.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.
HOME WINNERS.
*Clapton O., *Palace, Fulham, Oldham, Port Vale, *Wednesday, *Wolves.
AWAY WINNERS.—*Blackpool.
DRAWS.
*Coventry v. Bradford, Middlesbro' v. Derby, Southampton v. Chelsea.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Southern).
HOME WINNERS.
*Brighton, Bristol C., *Charlton, *Norwich, *Plymouth, Queen's Park R., Swindon, Watford.
AWAY WINNERS.—*Millwall, Bristol R.
DRAW.
*Northampton v. Swansea.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Northern).
HOME WINNERS.
*Accrington, *Bradford, *Chesterfield, Crewe, *Halifax.
AWAY WINNERS.
*Barrow, *Darlington.
DRAWS.
*Rotherham v. Rochdale, *Tranmere v. Nelson, *Walsall v. Ashington, Wigan v. Southport.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
HOME WINNERS.
*Hamilton, *Hearts, Kilmarnock, Raith R.
AWAY WINNERS.
*Airdrieonians, *Falkirk, Dundee.
DRAWS.
*Queen's Park v. Partick, *St. Mirren v. Hibernians.

(For coupon purposes, nap selections are marked with an asterisk.)

# Is Football Getting

THE new rule which prevents a referee from stopping the game when a player is injured is being applauded all over the place and it has at least had the effect of stopping men "going down" when only just touched.

We have seen too much of the player who in one second apparently has been writhing in agony and in the next has been nearly beating speed records, but a reader asks, and rightly so, "What about the player who needs immediate attention?"

He quotes the case of Butler, who died after being hurt on the Orient ground last season, and who must have been very seriously injured.

My opinion on the subject is that a referee who would not break the rule when a player obviously is badly hurt should not be on the list.

I think the innovation a good one, as it is serving its object. The people who mostly are against it are the old players who are robbed of the welcome breathers they used to have.

**Better Shooting.**

Whatever else this season produces, it will not lack in liveliness. When you see Derby County win a game by 5—1 and get beaten by the same score two days later you can be prepared for anything.

What I appreciate from what I have seen so far is better shooting, although I am not optimistic enough to expect goals to be so frequent as they have been.

**Not Proud Now.**

Preston North End are not so proud as they used to be. They are not bankrupt, but their finances are anything but healthy and, what is worse, they did not win or even draw one of their first five games.

When you look at their forward line you wonder how it managed not to score more than one goal in seven and a half hours' football, but this is so.

I have no doubt that Aitken is doing his share, but apparently he has not produced the results which were expected from his costly transfer.

Preston are already heading for the second division.

**"Hammers" Going Well.**

I am glad to see West Ham going strongly, since they always play bright football and occasionally touch the real stuff.

So far it has been the defence which has brought the points, but goals will come when Victor Watson gets in his old form and there is some harmony between himself and Stanley Earle, to whom I look for big things now that

# Racing Pay

## The Booing of Beasley—Jockeys' Bets

### HORSES TO FOLLOW

**Glendun.**—Be on the qui vive for this gelding. Batho had him on the spot at A. P. for the Finsbury Handicap Plate, but he decided not to start him. Probably the opposition was not good enough. Glendun is a certain winner.

**Lasido.**—O. Bell's youngster took part in the Juvenile Selling Plate at Alexandra Park, but was unsuited to the circular track. This youngster will pop up at a long price shortly.

**Squarson.**—This gelding won comfortably at Warwick after being very badly placed in the early stages of the race. Now that Captain Hogg has coaxed him back to winning form, go on backing him. Squarson wound up last season by capturing three consecutive races.

**Acceleration.** — Nightingall's two-year-old has missed several tempting engagements lately, and should be backed the first time he faces the starter. The youngster is a Hurry On colt, and has improved a lot in the last month.

**Daimyo.**—If you decide to have a wager on the Newbury Autumn Cup back this one of Taylor's. He won the Great Yorkshire Handicap by six lengths from Highbrow. Mizzen Mast, the third horse, was another six lengths away.

**Hong-Kong.**—I thought this son of China Cock was unlucky to be beaten by Palefroi at Warwick. In a tight finish he went under by a neck. Hong-Kong has won a couple of races this season. Another will come his way before long.

**Restoration.**—Pickering has this gelding in the pink of condition and hopes to get a race out of him soon. Last time out he ran second to Breslane in a field of twenty.

**Swinfen Gelding.**—Will win another nursery, probably next time out. He beat Miss Clytie by eight lengths at Alexandra Park.

**Jarvie.**—My code selection for the Town Moor Handicap at Doncaster materialised all right, but Ulva Ferry was catching him fast. Jarvie can just about last out seven furlongs and should not be backed for races over this distance. Batho says the horse is better than ever.

**Joybell.** — F. Hartigan's youngster was a big starting price job in London and Manchester when he won the Tattersall Stakes. The two-year-old is a splendid Santoi colt and, naturally, possesses stamina. Back him until he loses.

**Clifton Lassie.**—This youngster has no form so far, but back him over six furlongs. The three races in which he has failed have been five-furlong events.

**Eton Wick.**—I am on the look-out for the next appearance of Eton Wick. I am pretty certain that the Manton filly is a potential winner of a nice sprint handicap if she steers clear of the coughing epidemic. I have not forgotten how she won last autumn, and she has only to be relatively as good now to come up at 6 or 8 to 1.

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# Faster?

*Effects of the new "Injured Players" rule.*

he has joined the paid ranks, and who will, in consequence, get the necessary training.

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**As we Said.**

I said a few weeks ago that the Villa would soon be experimenting at centre half-back, and I hear very good reports of Talbot, who I am told will be persevered with.

The Villa are nearly always bad starters, and their early results are not what they should have been, but they are missing Blackburn, who has only to get fit again and play as well as he can play to be in the running for international honours.

It is, however, funny that there is not a really class left half-back in the country.

**Wednesday Stalwarts.**

I saw the Wednesday play recently, and I was very impressed with Kean, the right-half.

He is not, of course, a new discovery, since he has twice played for England, but he struck me as having made a lot of improvements since I last saw him.

George Wilson, also, has not gone off. As a centre-half he has his limitations, but he is a wonder in defence and, so far as I can see, nobody is going to dislodge him from the national team.

The F.A. is very loyal to players who do not let them down in the big matches, and Wilson has never done that.

**Same Old Rangers.**

I am glad I put in a good word for the Rangers at the time the Scottish Press was attempting to pick the team to pieces.

There is not much the matter with a side that can get 13 points from its first seven matches and score 17 goals against 5.

No doubt the Rangers will be beaten, but I should not like to back any team to do it.

Hamilton Academicals are also doing well, and Hibs, Airdrie and Celtic are close to the top. Hearts have disappointed, their weakness being at half-back. Puddefoot still sees Falkirk forging ahead.

### WEEK-END COUPS.

My coups for this week-end are:—

7 HOME.—Newcastle, Sheffield U., Derby, Southampton, Swansea, Millwall, Celtic.

5 HOME.—Derby, Southampton, Swansea, Millwall, Celtic.

3 AWAY.—Huddersfield, Middlesbro', Brighton.

3 DRAWS.—Blackburn v. Villa, Exeter v. Northampton, Notts Co. v. Everton.

3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Southampton, Derby, Millwall, Huddersfield, Brighton.

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### *Ousted by Girls.*

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### *Thirty Bob a Week.*

Mr. Sydney A. Moseley has earned the gratitude of thousands of poor, ill-paid clerks by his splendid out-spoken article. After being demobilised, I was engaged by a shipping firm in Sunderland at the "princely" wage of 30s. per week! After serving them faithfully for four years, I was paid off last year, and my work was divided amongst the equally poor-paid wretches who were "lucky" enough to be kept on. I am still out of a job.—*Justice, Sunderland.*

### *Grasping Employers.*

You have done well to draw public attention to the appalling conditions under which our clerks work. We can never have an A1 nation while men are working for such miserable salaries and endeavouring to keep families on them. Health is suffering, and mentally and morally we are poorer as a race. Grasping, profiteering employers should be made to give a living wage. Our clerks are strong enough in numbers to make a formidable union.—*James Hill, Kilmarnock.*

### *Empty Bellies.*

I have repeatedly dissuaded parents and boys against snobbish aspirations for becoming "A gentleman in the City," which too often means a fancy waistcoat and an empty belly. It is deplorable that a well-educated man should be paid only half the wages of an illiterate dustman. Labour idealists profess a common brotherhood, yet the manual classes fail to extend a hand to less fortunate compatriots debarred from securing the rights of a decent livelihood. —*H. Harcourt, Kensington.*

### *Nobody's Darling.*

No man connected with the legal profession needs reminding of the unenviable lot of the lawyers' general-clerk, the "nobody's darling" of most lawyers' offices. Usually a grey-haired servant of many years' standing, he becomes practically indispensable to the establishment owing to his being "the only chap who can find anything." Yet I have known these men to live, nay exist, on a salary of 32s. a week, from which handsome remuneration they are expected to maintain an appearance in keeping with the dignity of their profession.—*Lex, London.*

### *Cowed Wretches.*

Every clerk owes Mr. Moseley a debt of gratitude for exposing the way in which they are exploited by some employers. Sooner or later clerks will realise that they will be able to command a reasonable wage only when they band themselves together into a union. Among clerks there is a feeling that they are just a little bit superior to manual workers, and that it is rather "degrading" to belong to a trade union, but until this idea is dissipated many clerks will remain the cowed wretches they are. I am a clerk myself, and speak from actual experience.—*W. L., Liverpool.*

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### *Fools on Pedestals.*

You have performed a great public service by your article "Slave-driven Clerks." It is astounding that there should be such conditions to-day. The clerks are to a great extent victims of their own folly. I have worked in an office for years, and have frequently heard fellow clerks remark, "that it is beyond their dignity to join a trade union." The practice of most small firms is to employ youthful clerks and when they reach twenty-five discharge them for other youths.—*L. J. B., South Croydon.*

### *Points from other Clerks.*

Although well educated, a shorthand writer, typist, book-keeper and correspondent, the highest wage I have been able to secure lately is £2 10s. per week. That with a wife and two boys to keep!—*J. B., E.C.4.*

I am a rent-collector earning just over £3 per week, handling about £350 per week, and have to account for every shortage be it pounds, shillings or pence. The agony of it all! Our local dustmen receive nearly £4 per week.—*Gratia, Bermondsey, S.E.*

In many cases the clerk, although well educated and qualified, is not drawing the pay of an unskilled labourer, despite the fact that, unlike the latter, he must of necessity maintain a smart appearance at all times.—*H. E. Brandon, Hornsey.*

The attitude of employers is entirely unreasonable. They expect their clerks to dress almost as well as themselves, yet give them a wage much less than dock labourers.—*D. G., Liverpool.*

Clerks have to dress well, and yet are not allowed to travel under the cheaper conditions that "workmen" enjoy. It is time the whole scandal was ended.—*Thomas James, Chingford, Essex.*

### *Great Sport.*

Will you not use your influence to stop the frightful cruelty of coursing hares and rabbits with dogs? This is not sport. I have been to a coursing meeting and seen the slaughter, and heard the cries of agony of these defenceless creatures. Surely the British public can get their pleasure in some better way than by the torture and killing of defenceless animals! There are plenty of clean, manly sports, but this is not one of them. —*Humanity.*

### *Away with the J.P.s.*

Frequently one sees in your paper comparisons of justice meted out by the bench. The adoption of a system whereby stipendiaries, or like persons versed in the law, could be appointed to control areas which could be got around say, in a week or fortnight, would largely obviate such tragic errors of justice as occur under present conditions. The cost of such a system would be negligible where justice is concerned.—*J. R., Aberavon.*

### *Closed Markets.*

There is just one point I am not clear on in the trenchant article by A. G. Gardiner, "Why Get the Wind Up?" He says, "and would lose us our supremacy in the open markets of the world." Now, where are these open markets of the world? America, France, Italy, Germany—and, in fact, all the leading nations in the world, except our own, have protection and are, therefore, not free markets. Perhaps Mr. Gardiner or some other reader can explain where they are.—*Jay-Em, Kirkcaldy.*

### *Week-end Wives.*

What is the solution of our problem of moral menace—that of the thousands doomed to remain unmarried? It must be found if we are to abolish those dangerous products of modern conditions, the casual husband and the week-end wife. A mockery it is for the world to pose as shocked when the stakes of character, everything, even life, are exacted from those who plunge into the great gamble of a risky adventure and lose all.—*M. B. F., Birmingham.*

### *A Bone for Heroes.*

The Hertfordshire members of the Association of Ex-Service Civil Servants all wish to thank you for your championship of the ground-down and sandwiched ex-Service temporaries, to whom the Government (as a conscience quietener) is about to throw a bone in the form of the forthcoming examination, in which, whatever the result, only one man in seven stands a chance of a very uphill permanency, the rest an extremely floating chance for a year or two, after which, although they may have passed the examination, they will be "fired."—*F. S. Mann, Secretary, Hertford Branch.*

### *Prospering in Disease.*

Your activities on behalf of purer food and better health must inevitably do good. But there is one point which occurs to me in this connection which needs emphasis. That is the apathy of the general body of medical men to this question. That there are a few notable exceptions only exposes the prevailing indifference. The root of the matter is the wrong-headed organisation of our medical service. A profession so organised that it prospers exceedingly when the public health is bad, and would starve were sound health universal, stands condemned.—*F. L. R., Peckham.*

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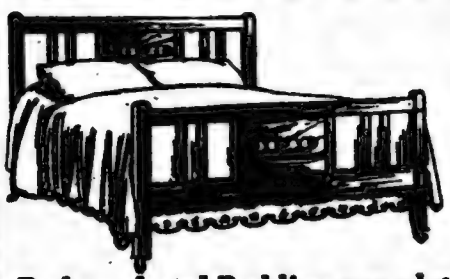

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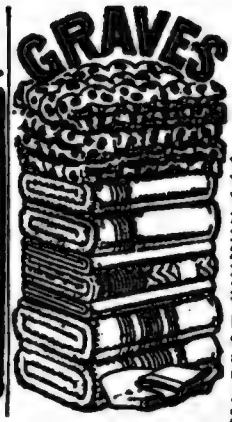

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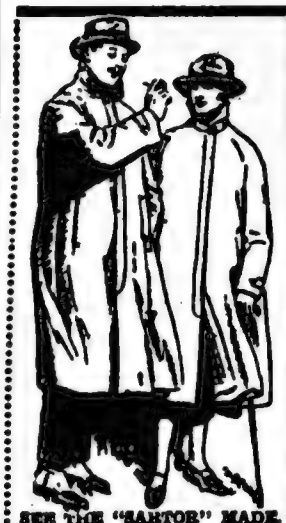

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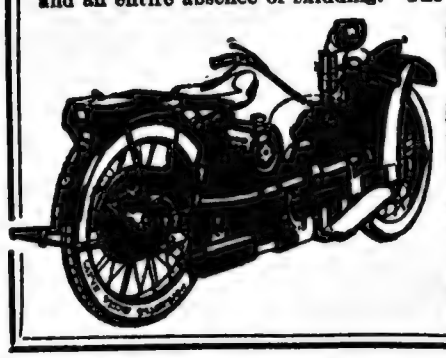

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A. E. (Cork).—"I'm not sure whether I love my girl or not." Then you don't.

C. A. (Crewe).—"I had a good restful holiday this year." Our wife went away too.

P. L. (Newcastle).—"Silence is golden." Only when you can't think of a good retort.

R. D. (Syston).—"It's unfair that the woman always pays." Why? She usually does it with her husband's money.

J. D. (Oldham).—"Paper towels should be used more in this country." They would match the houses nicely.

V. R. (Capel).—"I don't see any use in an M.A." It sometimes helps a man to get a J.O.B.

D. A. (Glasgow).—"Girls cause all the trouble in life." But they also make life worth all the trouble.

T. O. (Lincoln).—"I simply can't find words to express myself." Buy a good dictionary and then write to us again.

JNO. H. J. (Bacup).—"The days of sweating are numbered." Yes: we're afraid there is little hope of summer now.

L. L. (Andover). — "It's no use grumbling at things you can't help." And it's still less use grumbling at the others.

F. J. (Herne Bay).—"Nowadays, there is a passion for realism." It is carrying the thing too far, though, to snore if your foot is asleep.

G. W. (Kingston).—"The employee who does his job thoroughly always gets the pull." And the other fellow gets the push.

C. D. (Leeds).—"When will we come to the Land of Promise?" Our own opinion, sir, is that there will be a general election in December.

C. F. (Reading).—"Cinema actors appear to consider themselves the aristocracy of the "profession." The reel people, so to speak.

A. A. (Exeter).—"I want five pounds but I haven't any idea where to get it from." What a relief. When we began your letter we were afraid your idea was to get it from us.

E. B. (Bayswater). — "Apparently there are any number of haunted houses in the country." We know a few ourselves that have always plenty of spirits about them, anyhow.

L. V. N. (Victoria).—"The turnstiles at Wembley are too narrow." We hear that complaints are made of maiden ladies who walk through them as slowly as possible to enjoy being squeezed.

H. K. (Crouch End).—"If you cannot sleep, repeat a current slogan a hundred times." We started on "The whiter your bread the sooner you're dead" the other night and became so hungry that we had to get up and obtain a sandwich.

K. H. (Sunderland).—"You can see I am a real sport." You bet!

H. C. O. (Cardiff).—"I expect this will touch you." No, sir. Not a bean.

W. F. R. (Southgate).—"Lately I have lost my spirit." What happened? Did the cork come out of the bottle?

T. H. (Bishopbriggs).—"We sat up all night and played solo." Personally, we should have preferred a little nap.

D. R. S. (Paddington).—"I shall not go to France again until I can go by train." Want a level crossing, don't you?

D. F. (Seaford).—"I'm a telephone girl by profession." Surely that's more of a calling than a profession?

H. F. (Sunderland).—"The country must put its house in order." *On* order, rather.

H. K. (Regent's Park).—"The Zoo Aquarium is full of rare sea creatures." Is there a lady bather amongst them?

E. A. (Exeter).—"I consider the man had no business to kiss me." In all probability it was pleasure, not business.

F. A. (Winchelsea).—"What ought I to realise from the enclosed oil shares?" That there's a mug born every minute.

T. R. (York).—"I've been to consult a mind-reader." What a dull time he must have had.

R. N. (Pontefract).—"I'm afraid my wife's an infidel." Well, you can get a divorce for infidelity.

C. L. (Chelsea).—"Most clever people only make people think they're clever." Well, isn't that clever?

M. E. (Pevensey).—"What have you to remark about my letter?" Nothing; it wasn't remarkable.

E. N. (Byfleet).—"No one can say I ran after my husband." A mouse-trap doesn't run after a mouse—but it catches it just the same.

G. J. D. (London, W.).—"Most people have not the vaguest idea how to handle a wine list." If you have to handle a port list, grab the sufferer by the starboard arm.

H. T. (Windsor).—"Wireless has been fitted up at the bowling club here." We should rather like to see corpulent players fox-trotting up the green to the jack.

R. A. C. (Willesden).—"Chess is the most honest of games." It's always played above board, anyhow.

P. T. W. (Pendleton).—"So many wives love to turn the screw on their husbands." And so many love their husbands to turn their screws over to them.

P. R. (Armadale).—"Life is a vehicle, and its passengers come and go." Yes. And there's always room on top.

C. Y. (Moffat).—"All anglers aren't liars." No. Not any more than all liars are anglers.

M. G. (Ealing).—"Woman's dress to-day is a farce." It's very largely a take-off anyhow.

R. D. O. (Elie).—"Many people make a habit of being ill." And doctors make a practice of getting them well again.

F. F. (Balham).—"The open spaces around London belong to the people." That's common sense.

D. S. M. (North Shields).—"You have read worse poetry than this." Possibly, but not much.

N. N. (Penketh).—"My little boy spends all his time sucking his toes." Gracious, fancy trying to make both ends meet at his age!

C. T. (Portsmouth).—"Queer, how the average woman of thirty always looks older than the man of forty." She usually is.

L. F. (Sibford).—"Would you advise me to invest my savings in a going concern?" It all depends which way it's going.

L. S. (Stamford Bridge).—"My sweetheart has knitted me a pair of soft slippers" Get her to knit a softer pair for her father and then ask him to be your father-in-law

W. T. (Wigan).—"Do you believe in a man taking home flowers to his wife?" Heavens, no. What's the good of rousing her suspicions about nothing?

O. V. (Stafford).—"I've written you ten letters, and I really think you might reciprocate." You mean retaliate, don't you?

B. J. (Kennington).—"My husband is an hotel waiter and he never does anything without first asking my advice." Possibly because taking tips has become a habit with him.

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P. N. T. (Purley).—"There are people who can stand a lot of drink." And there are people who will let them stand it.

B. M. (Edinburgh).—"I treat my neighbours as they treat me." Then we suppose you never get treated?

W. W. (Cheapside).—"Personally, I shouldn't mind another war." A profiteer, my dear Watson!

"HARASSED" (Limehouse).—"With a family of six, what can a poor woman do?" Be thankful you've not got seven.

S. K. (Thorpe Bay).—"The whisky sold by responsible publicans is usually above suspicion." But decidedly under proof.

S. B. (Sidcot).—"My wife's just paid five guineas for a new hat, and I call it a sin." Well, the sin will be on her own head.

N. P. G. (Guildford).—"What we want is some sort of organisation for husbands." How about "Our Dumb Friends League?"

F. C. (Appledore).—"I find it impossible to deal with this milk question in a fifty-word letter." Then you must condense it.

M. B. (Finsbury Park).—"A *Bullets* £250 would put me on my feet." This week's £1,500 would put you in a car.

"HUSBAND" (Kirkby). — "Housewives should learn to keep accounts." Instead of running them up at a dressmakers.

C. L. E. (Sturton).—"I had a ripping time at Wembley, and enjoyed particularly the Egyptian exhibits." You had all the fun of the Pharaoh, in fact.

J. G. (Durham).—"To the modern girl nothing comes amiss." A little more thought for others, however, would become many a Miss.

A. M. Y. (Marlborough).—"A woman's conversation is never exhausted." But what about the man who is listening to the conversation?

B. B. S. (Clacton).—"I have come round to your way of thinking." Thanks so much, we are sleeping much better now.

S. R. V. (Theydon).—"One can easily sit in furs and freeze." That evidently explains the reason for the behaviour of Felix.

R. J. (Lismore).—"My little girl has jumped three forms at her new school." Probably she does not skip through her lessons.

B. R. N. (Faversham).—"I always make a point of being in bed at nine o'clock." You must be of a retiring disposition.

N. E. T. (Highgate).—"I'm not going to marry in haste, but mean to keep on making girl friends till I find the right one." Excellent. A sort of daughter-door collection.

W. D. (Hove).—"People convicted for motoring offences should be prohibited from using a car again." Then, to your mind, the careless should be carless.

H. J. R. (Nottingham).—"I prefer to associate with people of my own mentality." There now! We'd have thought you would have preferred to mix with intelligent people.

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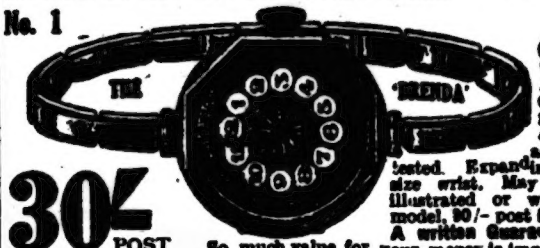


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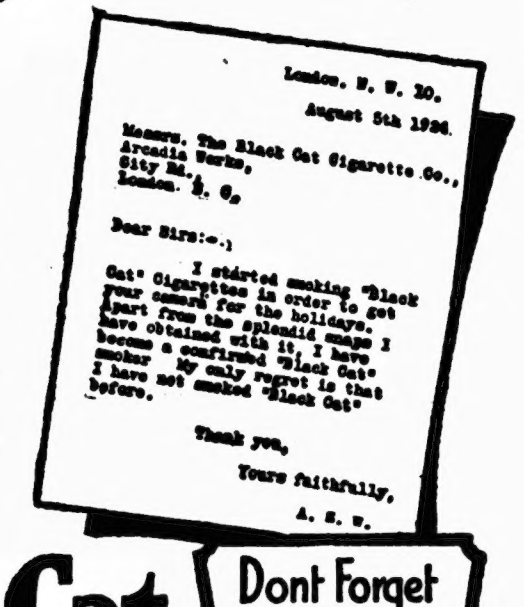

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**List of Five-shilling Prize-winners in "Bullets" Competition No. 534 will be published in next week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete list of Cash and other Prize-winners can be seen at the office of "John Bull."**

**SPECIAL NEWSAGENTS' PRIZES.—Cheques for £10, £3 and £2 respectively will be paid to the Newsagents from whom the winners of the three chief "Bullets" Prizes in Competition No. 537 have purchased their copies of "John Bull."**

### "BULLETS" RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.

2. "Bullets" must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. All four coupons may be used and a postal order enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of, which must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.

5. The Editor undertakes that every "Bullet" received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

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## RESULT OF "BULLETS" No. 534.

**FIRST PRIZE OF £1,000:**
**Mr. SYDNEY LEE,**
**9, Elmfair Road, Stockport.**
Example:—Next War
Bullet:—Bulletin: "Following Towns Missing ——."

**SECOND PRIZE OF £250:**
**Mr. W. G. BOWEN, 141, Corporation Street, Stafford.**
Example:—The Truth
Bullet:—"Loses Weight" With "Additions."

**THIRD PRIZE OF £100:**
**Mr. JOHN D. HUBARD, The Crest, Surry Road, St. Leonards.**
Example:—Her Place
Bullet:—At Cinema, Almost Vacant.

**FOURTH PRIZE OF £50:**
**Miss E. CAMPBELL, 152, London Road, Glasgow.**
Example:—Next War
Bullet:—Everybody There—Without Going.

**FIFTH PRIZE OF £25:**
**Miss M. GREAGE, Original Hotel, Roslin, Midlothian.**
Example:—Her Money
Bullet:—Keeps Admirers Spending Theirs.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon).

**10 Prizes of £5 each:**

W. Ashton, 1, Central Parade, East Finchley.
Once—Dancers Perspired—Now Band.

J. Ball, 20, St. George's Road, Folkestone.
Her Money—Labelled Several Nieces "Jemima."

E. H. Cox, Bute Villa, Glanyllyn, Taffs Well, Cardiff.
First In The Field—Britain—Left Gate Open.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon).

J. S. George, 123, Stornaway Road, Southend-on-Sea.
Wish I Knew—Baby's Mind, Minding Baby.

E. J. Hay, 48, India Street, Edinburgh.
Prosperity—Turns Scotsman's Head—Homewards.

J. W. Knubley, 9a, Charlwood Road, Putney, S.W.
Modern House—Why Trombonist Learnt Piccolo.

J. Lancastle, 74, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.
Next War—Missus Says She's Coming.

Sgt. W. Le Cresar, 9533, 2nd Batt. K.R.R.C., B.A.O.R.
The Truth—Some Tell—Others Popular.

Mrs. H. Malkin, 15, Hawthorn Place, Armley, Leeds.
Business And Pleasure—Both Neglected For Golf.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon).

H. Norman, U.S.A. Studio, 78, Rye Lane, Peckham, S.E.
Next War—America May Accept Silver.

**10 Prizes of £4 each:**

G. Brown, 53, Woodcock Street, St. George's Rd., Hull.
Her Money—Myth—Serves Fortune-Hunter Right.

D. J. Floyd, Penlan Cottage, Gorslas, Llanelly.
On The Way Home—Modern Prodigal—Twice Daily.

M. Germaine, 182, Well Street, Hockley, Birmingham.
The Other Fellow—Satisfied—But Must Strike.

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Modern House—Old-Fashioned Wife, Ideal Combination.

J. B. Ibbotson, 21, Franklin Street, Blackburn.
Not At Wembley—Londoner's Excuse—"Too Far."

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A. McDermott, 86, Frithville Gardens, Shepherd's Bush, W.
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Business And Pleasure—Wife Suggests "Judicial Separation."

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## EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" No. 537.

BRITISH BULLDOG
IF I WERE PRINCE
FOLLOWING RAMSAY
WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS
WITH A SMILE
WISE HUSBAND
DRAWING THE LINE
FOOD FOR US
POLITICS
SEA OF TROUBLES
CLASS WAR
I WONDER WHY
NATURE'S WAY
LEFT TO ME
FORTUNE'S LADDER
ON OUR RAILWAY
POOR FATHER
WHAT SANDY SAID
PROFITABLE
THE OLD STORY
HER WORLD
ON THE FILMS
A BABY
REDUCED TO TEARS
FREE COUNTRY
PLAYING AT HOME
IN A HUNDRED YEARS
ASKING HER
SPENDING OUR MONEY
A SOUVENIR
TALKING ABOUT WORK
FATE
FOR LOVE
SINCE HE STARTED
MARRIAGE
WHAT WILLIE ASKED
HUMANITY
MY FAMILY
FANNING THE FLAMES
WHAT IS A WOMAN?

**20 Prizes of £3 each:**

J. Abraham, 5, Dinam St., Nantymoel, Bridgend; Mrs. S. Addison, 74, Derby Rd., Northampton; R. Arnold, 3, Lime Grove, Green Lanes, Erdington; B'ham.; H. Ayres, 5, Lime St., Hulme, M/c.; W. R. Bright, 11, Sullivan Rd., Tilbury; J. Cousens, 19, High St., Windsor; A. Deeks, 5, Finchley Rd., Ipswich; W. Hopper, 45, Lindesfarne Terr., North Shields; W. Hutchinson, 18, Harrogate St., Sunderland; C. Jackson, 51, Hackthorn Rd., Sheffield; Mrs. R. Jenkins, 8, Ravensdale Mans., Harringay Park, N.; Miss A. Kirby, 19, Railway Rd., King's Lynn; Mrs. A. E. Lawrie, 7, Fields Park Rd., Cardiff; H. Macmillan c/o. "China Warehouse," Shoe Lane, Inverness; J. Muir, 101, Whitecrow Terr., Methil, Fife; B. Newman, 33, Selwyn Rd., Cambridge; W. Robson, 42, Lyndhurst Grove, Camberwell, S.E.; E. Thomas, 40, Bamford Rd., Wolverhampton; H. J. Walker, 116, Snenton Rd., Nottingham; S. J. Warwick, 235, Hovenden Rd., Cricklewood.

**20 Prizes of £2 each:**

H. Agate, 29, Naimains Rd., Dover; Mrs. S. Ambrose, Terrington St. Clements, King's Lynn; E. Beaumont, 8, Caston Hill, St. John's Wood; A. Burton, 124, Chapel St., Stockport; G. Cleary, 26, Frederick St., Retford, Notts.; W. Evans, 48, Iron Lane, Merthyr Tydfil; Mrs. N. Forbes, 227, Upland Rd., East Dulwich; J. P. Griffith, 170, Adelaide Rd., Hampstead; F. R. Holborn, 35, High St., Eastleigh; M. Meek, Drybrook, Glos.; F. W. Mills, 11, Sun St., Reading; J. Ord, 9, West View, Ashington; C. Reeder, Clopton Rectory, Thrapston; Mrs. A. Scrimgeour, Glen-

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## HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS" — NO LETTER RESTRICTIONS.

Choose any of the *Examples* printed; then give any **Two, Three, or Four Words** having some bearing on the *Example* chosen, each of which can begin with any letter in the alphabet. These specimens will guide you:—

*Example*:—On Holiday — *Bullet*:—Take Care—Leave Cares.
*Example*:—Time To Stop — *Bullet*:—Age Wants—Youth Hasn't.
*Example*:—Why She Was Cross — *Bullet*:—Rescuer Used A Boat-hook.

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Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
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Signed _____
Address _____

Closing Date, Thursday, October 9.

Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(537) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 34. With 2 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s.
Signed _____
Address _____

Closing Date, Thursday, October 9.

Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(537) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 34. With 3 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed _____
Address _____

Closing Date, Thursday, October 9.

Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(537) P.O. No. _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on page 34. With 4 Coupons, send P.O. for 2s.
Signed _____
Address _____

**If you desire to send in further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper**

**SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 538.**

**RUNNING THE COUNTRY—WEMBLEY'S FUTURE—GETTING ON NICELY—IF I WERE YOUNG—OUR WORST ENEMY—HER ROMANCE—EXASPERATING—TROUBLES FEW—WHAT THE COOK SAID—FILM BABY—URGENT—CHANGE OF TONE—NOT SURPRISING—EQUALITY—IN QUEER STREET—NEVER TEMPTED—A GOOD ACTRESS—WHEN LOVE GROWS COLD—OUR FURNITURE—WHAT IS THE DOLE?**

These Examples can be made use of on the Coupons on this page, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19.** All Coupons so used **MUST** be marked clearly with the number **538** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. **538,** John Bull, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such Coupons must not contain any of the Examples for Competition No. **537.**

# Ruptured?—— Throw Away Your Truss!

*For many years we have been telling you that no truss will ever help you. We have told you that the only truly comfortable and scientific device for holding rupture is the Brooks Rupture Appliance, and that it is*

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If you have tried almost everything else, come to us. Where others fail is where we have our greatest success. Send the attached coupon to-day, and we will send you our illustrated book on Rupture and its cure, showing our Appliance and giving you prices and names of many people who have tried it and were cured. It is instant relief when all others fail. Remember, we use no salves, no harness, no lies.

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Yours faithfully,
WM. H. MANN.

### "The Perfect Cure."

Lisomadawn, Mohill, Gorraugh,
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DEAR SIR,—I cannot find words good enough to thank you for the perfect cure your Rupture Appliance has done in my case. I shall be delighted to recommend to any friend as a perfect cure.

Yours truly,
EDWARD REYNOLDS.

### "Quite Cured—Now a Big, Bonny Boy."

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1. It is absolutely the only Appliance of the kind on the market to-day, and in it are embodied the principles that inventors have sought after for years.

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Name .....

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